Don’t Lose Your Tax Return to Theft!

Although the last regular filing date for taxes is over, some “conspiracies” are brewing. You should keep a “red light” in your mind any time when you receive a phone call from someone wanting to talk about your taxes with you. An aggressive and sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be employees of the IRS, but are not. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver’s license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting.

Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn’t answered, the scammers often leave an “urgent” callback request.

Note that the IRS will never:

1) Call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.

2) Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.

3) Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

4) Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

5) Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying. (Reference: http://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts)

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2. IRS may contact you for confirmation or prove your ID. When the caller asks you to pay money, go to Tip 1.

3. We highly recommend you to save your tax book receipts, the receipts of your donations to charities and police reports if you lose something.

4. Personal Money Management Center can help point you in the right direction with filing your taxes. Please go to this website: http://personal-money-management.utah.edu/vita/index.php to check the time next year.

Set an appointment with us! We’d love to help you create a budget or help you navigate other financial concerns and events.

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- Roasted Garlic
- Anchovies
- Parmesan Cheese
- Basil
- Sundried Tomatoes
- Chopped Olives

Noodle:
- Whole Wheat Penne
- Spaghetti
- Egg Noodles
- Sauteed Mushrooms
- Sauteed Spinach
- Cherry Tomatoes
- Peas
- Spinach Walnut Pesto

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