

5 Signs of an IRS Scam

1. Call or email you about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill or demand immediate payment.
2. Demand you pay without giving you an opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
3. Require you pay the amount due using a specific method, such as a prepaid debit card or gift card.
4. Ask for credit or debit card number over the phone.
5. Threaten to bring in local police to have you arrested for not paying.

What to do if you get a call:

1. Ask for employee name, badge number and the call back number.
2. If you don't owe anything – hang up – NEVER give personal info. Report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission at www.consumer.ftc.gov and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484.
3. If you do owe, have your **Enrolled Agent, CPA, Tax Attorney or tax representative** call for you or call the IRS yourself at 1-800-829-1040.

For more information:

Go to: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/> or <https://www.irs.gov>

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