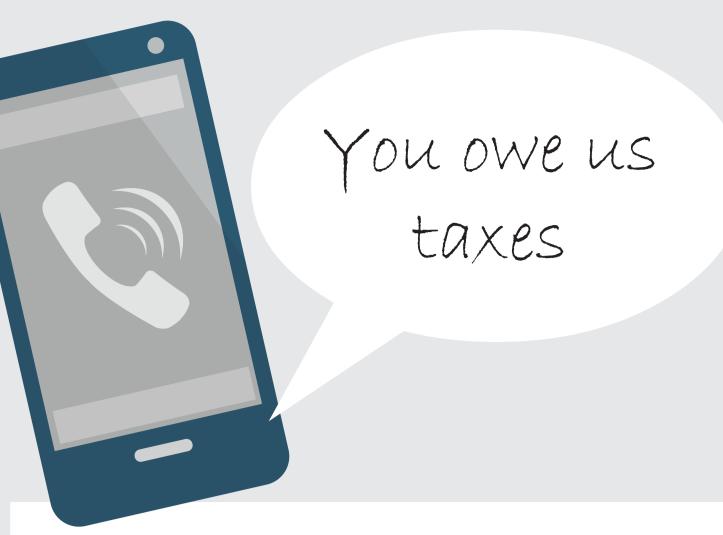
IRS IMPOSTER SCAMS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the government agency that collects federal taxes.

Scammers pretend to be IRS officials to get you to send them money.





HOW THE SCAM WORKS



You get a call.



Your caller ID might show it's the IRS calling.



The caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.

You are told:



"you owe money."



or you'll be arrested." "put money on a prepaid

"you better pay now,



debit card or wire it to us."

If you pay...

wasn't the IRS. It was a scam. The money is gone.

You find out it

How will the IRS first contact you?

WARNING SIGNS

phone call	NO	
email	NO	
mail	YES	
How will the IRS ask you to pay?		

with a prepaid debit card	NO
with a money transfer	NO
won't require a specific type of payment	YES
GOT A CALL?	

Don't give the caller information

such as your financial or other personal information.

Write down details



such as the number and name of the caller.



Contact the IRS directly

Hang up



at 800-829-1040 or go to irs.gov.

Report the call

If you're worried the call is real, contact the IRS directly

- File a complaint with: the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
 - (TIGTA) at tigta.gov or 800-366-4484.
 - the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or 877-FTC-HELP.



Warn friends and family

Tell people you know that these calls are scams.

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