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## STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS



Scams are continuing to rise, resulting in great monetary loss and identity theft. FMFCU wants to help our members recognize different scams and fraud trends. Learn the latest right here!

## BEWARE OF TAX AND IRS IMPERSONATION SCAMS



Now that tax season is back in full swing, stay alert to signs of tax fraud and IRS imposters out to steal financial and personal information – from **both** taxpayers AND tax professionals.

### Key Signs of a Scam

- Phishing links through email or text message indicating urgency
- Phone threats to intimidate taxpayers into paying fabricated tax bills
- Demands payment without giving taxpayers the opportunity to question or

### How to Avoid Them

- Remember the IRS doesn't initiate contact by email, text, or social media to request information from taxpayers
- Think before you click into links
- Secure your accounts with strong passwords and multi-factor authentication

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- Use a security software to protect from phishing and malware

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## TELEPHONE SCAMS CONTINUE TO RISE

Scammers will find any way possible to get money and personal information over the phone. Phone scams come in many forms, but tend to make similar promises or threats.

### Top Ways to Recognize a Phone Scam

- 1 There is no prize
- 2 You don't need to decide right away
- 3 You shouldn't be getting excessive calls
- 4 You'll never have to send cash or pay with gift card
- 5 You won't be arrested
- 6 Government agencies won't call to confirm sensitive information



- Do not give in to pressure to take immediate action
- Be cautious of caller ID
- Never give out personal information through text message or on a call

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