

Identity Theft



Tax-related identity theft occurs when someone uses your stolen personal information to file a fraudulent tax return claiming a refund. Identity thieves use various scams to trick users into giving up passwords and other information.

Don't take the bait.

The IRS will **NEVER**:



Initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text or social media to request personal or financial information



Call taxpayers with threats of lawsuits or arrests



Call, email or text to request taxpayers' Identity Protection PINs

Report scams to phishing@irs.gov. | www.irs.gov/alerts