BEWARE OF IRS IMPOSTORS
It’s Probably a SCAM!

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul warns consumers about scammers who pretend they are with the government to scare you into sending money.

DON’T BE A VICTIM

• Phony IRS scammers are targeting taxpayers around the country.
• Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and must pay immediately through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.
• Victims are threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of driver’s or business licenses.
• If victims say no or question the scammers, the scammers may become hostile and insulting.

TRICKS GOVERNMENT IMPOSTORS USE

IRS scammers may...

− Use a fake name and IRS badge number.
− Know the last four digits of your Social Security number.
− Spoof a fake IRS toll-free number on caller ID.
− Send phony IRS letters by mail or email in an attempt to make you believe the fake call.
− Call back and pretend to be from the local police, FBI or Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to convince you that the call is legitimate.

If you get a call like this, JUST HANG UP!

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET A SUSPICIOUS CALL

If you get a call...

...And you know you don’t owe taxes, call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484 to report the scam.

...And you may owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for help. Report the call to the Federal Trade Commission Consumer Helpline at 1-877-382-4357 or visit www.ftc.gov/complaint to report the scam. Include the phrase “IRS Telephone Scam” in your comments.

Office of the Illinois Attorney General
Consumer Fraud Hotlines

Chicago
1-800-386-5438

Springfield
1-800-243-0618

Carbondale
1-800-243-0607

Individuals with hearing or speech disabilities can reach us by using the 711 relay service.