



Tax Season Scams: What to Watch For



Tax season is a busy time—not just for taxpayers, but for scammers too. Every year criminals try to trick people who are filing their taxes or waiting for a refund. The IRS reports a spike in scams during tax season, so it's important to stay alert.

Common Tax Scams to Know About

- **Fake emails from "tax services" or the IRS:** These emails may look real and use official logos, but they're designed to trick you into sharing personal or tax information.
- **Malicious links or attachments:** Some emails include links or PDFs that can install malware or viruses on your computer if you click them.
- **Scam phone calls:** Fraudsters may call pretending to be IRS agents and claim you owe money. They often use threats like arrest, license suspension, or deportation to scare you into paying immediately.



Protect Yourself by Keeping These Tips in Mind:

- The **IRS will send a letter by mail first** before calling about unpaid taxes.

- The IRS will **never ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.**
- The IRS does **not use threats or pressure tactics**, like immediate arrest.
- You always have the **right to question or appeal** what you owe.
- The IRS will not contact you about taxes **by email, text, or social media.**

At Oak Bank, your security is always a priority. A few minutes of prevention today can save a lot of trouble tomorrow.



We're here to help. If you have questions about a transaction, suspect you may have been targeted, or just want to learn more about safe banking practices, never hesitate to call us at 608.441.6000.

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