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Beware of IRS Scams

The IRS initiates most contact with taxpayers through regular mail delivered by the US Postal Service. In some very special circumstances, the IRS may show up at your door, but you will have received a letter in the mail prior to their visit, so their visit shouldn't be a surprise.

The IRS does NOT demand people use prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer to make a payment. They will NEVER ask for debit or credit card numbers over the phone. Neither will the IRS threaten to bring in the local police, immigration officers, or other law enforcement agencies to arrest people for not paying. The IRS is not able to revoke a license or immigration status.

Remember to stay vigilant. Criminals continue to impersonate IRS employees & call taxpayers in aggressive and sophisticated ways. If you receive any such calls, just hang up the phone. Do not try to engage the caller.

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