



IRS warns Taxpayers of New Mail Scam

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) warns taxpayers of rising tax refund scams. In recent cases taxpayers have received a cardboard envelope claiming to be sent from the IRS regarding an unclaimed tax refund. The cardboard envelopes contain the IRS logo and read “in relation to your unclaimed refund”. The agency informed the public that these mailings are a fraudulent attempt to deceive taxpayers into providing sensitive information to thieves.

According to the IRS Commissioner, Danny Werfel, many mail scams are used by criminals. In a statement released last Friday, the IRS says it “never initiates contact with taxpayers by email, texts or social media regarding a bill or tax refund,” and it is recommended that if taxpayers receive letters that seem like a scam to not respond nor click on any links if it's an email.

To report scam related instances, contact the IRS.

- Send an email, or a copy of the text or letter you received to phishing@irs.gov.
- Report Scams to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) or the Internet Crimes Complaint Center.