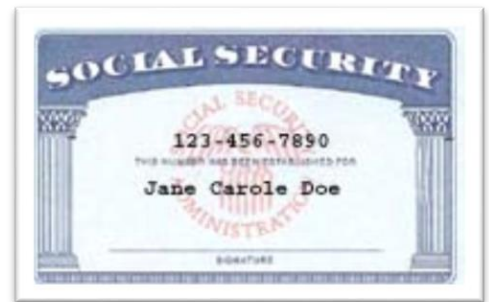


BEWARE OF TAX-RELATED SCAMS

THE AARP FRAUD WATCH NETWORK AND AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK OUT FOR THESE TAX-RELATED SCAMS

TAX IDENTITY THEFT

- When a criminal uses your Social Security Number to file a fake tax return and collect a fraudulent refund.
- When someone uses your Social Security Number to get a job, the employer will report those earnings to the IRS, and you will get an IRS notice about unreported income.



If this happens to you:

- If you receive a letter from the IRS, follow the instructions.
- Go to www.identitytheft.gov to report the theft to the IRS and FTC and to get a recovery plan.



IRS IMPOSTORS

You get a call from someone claiming to be from the IRS saying you owe taxes, who threatens you with arrest if you don't pay immediately. Your Caller ID may indicate it's from the IRS. The caller may even know part of your Social Security Number.

If you get a call like this:

- Hang up, or if you get a voice mail with a number to call back, do not return the call.
- Don't rely on Caller ID, since scammers know how to manipulate it.
- Know that the IRS will never call and request payment without first sending notices through the mail.
- Know that the IRS does not accept payment by gift card.
- The IRS will never threaten you with arrest for nonpayment.
- If you are concerned you may owe money, call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040.

The **AARP Fraud Watch Network** is working to empower consumers to spot and avoid scams, and to provide support and guidance to victims and their families when fraud happens.

www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork

AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline: 877-908-3660