

December 2024 Cyber Security Tip: Tax Security

With tax season quickly approaching, be aware of misleading information that scammers are sending out regarding your tax refunds, credits or payments.

- **Watch out for misleading tax advice on social media with the promise of a big payday.** This bad advice could urge you to falsify tax forms or credit claims that can lead to penalties, investigations, and prosecution.
- **Be aware of phone calls, emails or texts demanding you to pay taxes followed by threats.** These tactics are used to steal your identity and impersonate you to claim your benefits.
- **Be suspicious of tax-related links that end in “.com, .net, .org,” or anything that does not end in “.gov.”** Malicious actors often set up fake websites that look like the real thing with the intent to steal your identity.



For additional tax security tips please visit:
dor.mo.gov/taxation/individual/tax-types/income/identity-theft.html
www.irs.gov/individuals/taxes-security-together



Key takeaway: Be aware of tax scam warning signs to protect yourself this tax season!