



Government Imposter Scams

HOW TO SPOT SCAMMERS:

- Scammers will call, email, text, or direct message you on social media.
- Say you did not appear for jury duty and must pay a fine or you will be arrested.
- Tell you that you will be fined, arrested, or deported if you do not pay taxes or some other debt right away.
- Say that your Social Security or Medicare benefits have been suspended because of COVID-19-related office closures.
- Will tell you that you can get a free COVID-19 test kit from Medicare in exchange for giving personal or financial information.
- Say you owe back taxes, there's a problem with your return, or you need to verify information.

STOP! THESE ARE ALL SCAMS!



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HOW TO STOP AND REPORT THE SCAM:

- 1. Don't give information or money to anyone who calls, texts, emails, or direct messages you on social media.** Keep your Social Security, bank account, debit and credit card numbers to yourself.
- 2. Never make a payment to someone you don't know,** especially by gift card, mobile payment apps, money transfer, or cryptocurrency. Only scammers will demand you pay that way. They know these payments are hard to reverse.
- 3. When in doubt, check it out.** If you're concerned about the request, contact the agency directly. Look up the government agency's real number on the agency's site and call to get the story.
- 4. Report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).** **Tell your bank,** and be sure to share these tips with your friends and family.