

# DON'T GET SCAMMED

Your phone rings. The person on the other end claims to be the IRS. They say you owe the government money

You give them your name, your address, your social security number

Two weeks later, expensive purchases appear on your credit card that you didn't make

## DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU

**Follow the tips- Dont let criminals run WILD:**

**W**hat guarantee has this solicitor given you that your money will be used as they have stated?

**I**f you're unsure about an offer- ask for written material as well as personal information from the seller. Make sure this is a business/charity you can trust.

**L**egitimate businesses understand the time that goes into making major purchases and wouldn't pressure you. Take your time and ask for advice before making purchases.

**D**on't buy from an unfamiliar company.

**Scams can take many forms, including mail, phone calls, and emails. If you are ever unsure if someone is trying to scam you, contact our office at (718) 876-6300**



# Popular Scams and How to Avoid Them



## "Can you hear me?"

This scam involves a phone call from a scammer who asks "Can you hear me?" By replying yes, scammers record your response as an agreement to accept charges on your credit or debit card. **If you receive a call from a number you do not recognize let the call go to your answering machine.** You can decide if you want to speak to the caller in your own time.



## Owing money to Uncle Sam

We have heard countless reports of scammers pretending to be the IRS threatening heavy fines or even jail time if they do not receive money from you. These scammers will attempt to collect your personal information during this call, including your credit card, Social Security number, and more. It is easy to mistake these calls as legitimate. **Remember, the government will never ask for this information over the phone.**



## Locked up abroad

If your loved one was being jailed overseas would you send money to free them? These scammers bet you would and they're using that knowledge to scam scared relatives. **Scammers sometimes know a shocking amount of information about you, and will try to scare you into giving them money.** It's hard to delay acting when a family member could be in danger but remember, **no government domestic or foreign would call asking for money.**

**If you fear that you may have been a victim of one of these scams, please report it to the NYPD and contact our office immediately**

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THOSE IMPACTED BY SCAMS  
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NY ATTORNEY GENERAL:(800) 771-7755  
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