

# THE MORE YOU KNOW...

## KNOWLEDGE TO COMBAT FRAUD SCHEMES

### IRS WARNING: NEW TAX BILL SCHEME

The IRS and FTC want you to be aware of the latest IRS imposter scheme. The scheme involves receipt of a fake CP2000 notice claiming that you owe money for the previous tax year under the Affordable Care Act.

A legitimate CP2000 notice is used by the IRS to notify you that information about your income does not match the information reported on your tax return. The fraudulent CP2000 notice frequently claims that you owe money for the previous tax year under the Affordable Care Act and may be sent as an attachment to an email—which is a big red flag because the IRS will not email you—or through the U.S. Mail.

So how can you tell if you have received a fraudulent CP2000 notice or are being contacted by an IRS imposter? Look for these red flags:

- ◆ Contact by the IRS through email or social media. The IRS does not contact taxpayers these ways and does not use email, text messages, or social media to request personal or financial information from taxpayers.
- ◆ Requiring payment through a gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer. Payment with a check made out to “I.R.S.” is also suspect, as any legitimate CP2000 notice would require checks made out to the “United States Treasury.”
- ◆ A threat of immediate arrest or deportation if a payment is not made as requested by a document.

For more information, and to see what a legitimate CP2000 notice looks like, please visit the IRS website at [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov).

### WANT TO REPORT A POSSIBLE FRAUD?

**General Reports:** Anti-Fraud Hotline

855.303.9470 or [www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline](http://www.aging.senate.gov/fraud-hotline)

**Identity Theft Resources:** [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov)

**Telephone or online fraud scheme?**

Federal Trade Commission (877.FTC.Help), [www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov))

Internet Crime Complaint Center ([www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov))

**Mail fraud scheme?** United States Postal Inspection Service

1.717.257.2330 or [www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov](http://www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov)

**Scheme involving money sent with MoneyGram or Western Union?**

MoneyGram: 1.800.MONEYGRAM or 1.800.666.3947

Western Union Fraud Hotline: 1.800.448.1492