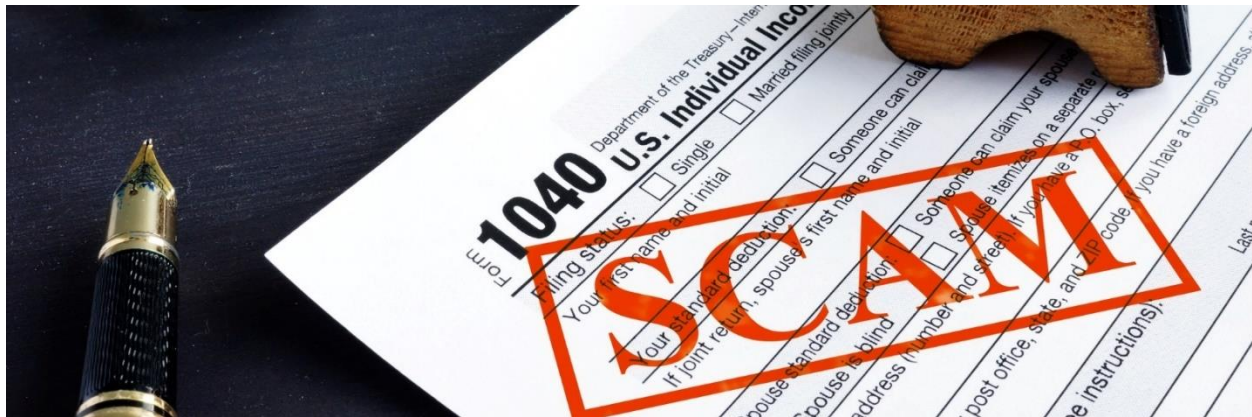




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**Tax season is here. Don't become a victim!**



Taxpayers have begun notifying the IRS about unsolicited emails from IRS imposters. The emails have links that show an IRS.gov-like website with details pretending to be about the taxpayer's refund, electronic return or tax account.

The emails contain a "temporary password" or "one-time password" to "access" the files to submit the refund. But when taxpayers try to access these, it turns out to be a malicious file.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. This includes requests for PIN numbers, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts.

**Report suspicious emails from the IRS to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov)**

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