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It's Tax Season. Be Aware of Scams.

Don't let cyber criminals or fraudsters take advantage of you this tax season. One of the newest scams they're using is claiming to have the ability to cancel or eliminate someone's Social Security number (SSN). Don't worry, this is not possible. It's just the latest method con artists are using to scare people so they return 'robocall' voicemails.

The initial voicemail or call might suggest you have overdue taxes, which they say will allow them to cancel your SSN. Any call suggesting this sort of threat is a scam and you should immediately hang up. Don't let them fool you, it's a trick.

Do not give out sensitive personal or financial information over the phone unless you are absolutely sure of the source of the call. Don't give a potential scammer the time to make their case. Other things to watch out for:

- Calls demanding immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, iTunes gift card or wire transfer. Government agencies do not use these methods for tax payments.
- Requests to make payments to a person or organization other than the U.S. Treasury.
- Threats to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- Demanding taxes be paid without giving the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

If you would like to learn more about potential tax scams, you can visit the [IRS website](#).

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