

DON'T be fooled by Fake Charities and Gift Card Scams



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Good Afternoon,

As National Tax Security Awareness Week continues, today we are focusing on Fake Charities, Phishing and Gift Cards. Due to the increase in online shopping and scammers, please share with your **community** on social media, your website/blog and/or your e-newsletters.

Have a great rest of your day!

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For Social Media:

Fake Charities:

Fake charities are used by scammers to get money and sensitive financial and personal information from victims. Before you give, take a look at these #TaxSecurity tips from the #IRS <https://go.usa.gov/xemGv>

If you plan to support a cause this season, verify that you're giving funds to a legitimate charity. On National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, #IRS and the Security Summit remind you to start by checking the charity's legitimacy. See <https://go.usa.gov/xemGv>

Fake charities trick unsuspecting donors into providing not only money, but also their sensitive information. On National #TaxSecurity Awareness Week, #IRS and the Security Summit offer some tips to keep you safe: <https://go.usa.gov/xemGv>

Phishing

Falling victim to a phishing scams stinks! For your #TaxSecurity, #IRS and the Security Summit urge you to learn to recognize and avoid this common threat: www.irs.gov/securitysummit

You may forget about the #IRS when it's not tax season, but cybercriminals don't take any breaks. For your #TaxSecurity, the Security Summit urges you to avoid phishing scams all year long: <https://go.usa.gov/xp5yk>

Gift Card Scams

Gift cards are great for family and friends, NOT as an option to pay taxes. #IRS and the Security Summit urge you to stay alert to gift card scams that threaten your #TaxSecurity. Watch: <https://youtu.be/Z9yRuyXt9vQ>

Gift card scams are still a common threat to your #TaxSecurity. One way to be certain that it's NOT really the #IRS contacting you is if you're asked to make a payment using a gift card. See: <https://youtu.be/Z9yRuyXt9vQ>

Tweets: #GivingTuesday – TEOS

Donating to a charity on #GivingTuesday? #IRS has a search feature to help you verify legitimate charities before you give. Visit www.irs.gov/teos

If you answer a charity's call to help a cause on #GivingTuesday, #IRS suggests you contribute by check or credit card, not cash→ and verify the charity's legitimacy at www.irs.gov/teos

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