

## Phone Scams: Beware of These 8 Common Telephone Scams

Here's what you need to know: The IRS will NEVER send you an email to initiate any business with you. If you receive an email from the IRS, delete it.. Oh, and they will never initiate contact by way of phone call.

1. Free Vacations and Prizes 2. Phishing Scams 3. Loan Scams 4. Phony Debt Collectors 5. Fake Charities 6. Medical Alert Scams and Other Scams Targeting Seniors 7. Warrant Threats 8. IRS Calls

If you have an iPhone you can download CallerSmart's [reverse phone lookup app](#) to search mysterious numbers that call you and help warn others about potential scams. If you don't have an iPhone, you can still warn others and [look up unknown phone numbers](#) on our website.

These are the 8 most common scams that we've come across, but we are sure that there are more out there and new ones will continue to pop up. The best thing that you can do is stay educated, warn others out there about scam callers, and report them to the [FTC](#), Federal Trade Commission.

### Stop unwanted calls and texts

Annoyed by a persistent telemarketer, prankster or Tinder date gone wrong? We'll help you take back the privacy of your phone number.

Follow our [step-by-step guides](#) to block offending numbers permanently. Add your number to the [National Do Not Call registry](#) and easily file official complaints with the [FTC](#).

To help protect other users against the same spammers and scammers, also leave useful feedback on untrustworthy phone numbers in the community phone book!

Do not call complaints will be entered into a secure online database available to civil and criminal law enforcement agencies. While the FTC does not resolve individual consumer problems, your complaint will help the agency investigate the company, and could lead to law enforcement action.