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Be Aware of Property Lien Scam

A new tax-related scam has emerged which involves false property liens.

The scammers threaten property owners with a tax bill from a fictional government agency.

Some of the details relating to the property lien scam that have been identified, those being:

- The scheme involves a letter threatening an IRS lien or levy.
- The scammer mails the letter to a taxpayer.
- The lien or levy is based on bogus overdue taxes owed to a non-existent agency.
- The non-existent agencies have a legitimate-sounding name like the “Bureau of Tax Enforcement.”
- This scam may also reference the IRS to confuse potential victims into thinking the letter is from a real agency.

The IRS and the Department of the Treasury are looking for additional information relating to these types of scams.

Should you receive such a scam they are asking for assistance.

For anyone who does not owe taxes and has no reason to think they do have been asked to do the following:

- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration to report the letter. The taxpayer should use their [IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting](#) web page. When reporting the scam, they should include the key words “IRS Lien.”
 - Scan a document received as a letter or fax, and send it to phishing@irs.gov.
 - Report it to the Federal Trade Commission using the [FTC Complaint Assistant](#) on FTC.gov.
 - Report it also to the FBI’s [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#), known simply as IC3.
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