

# Stay Wize This Tax Season

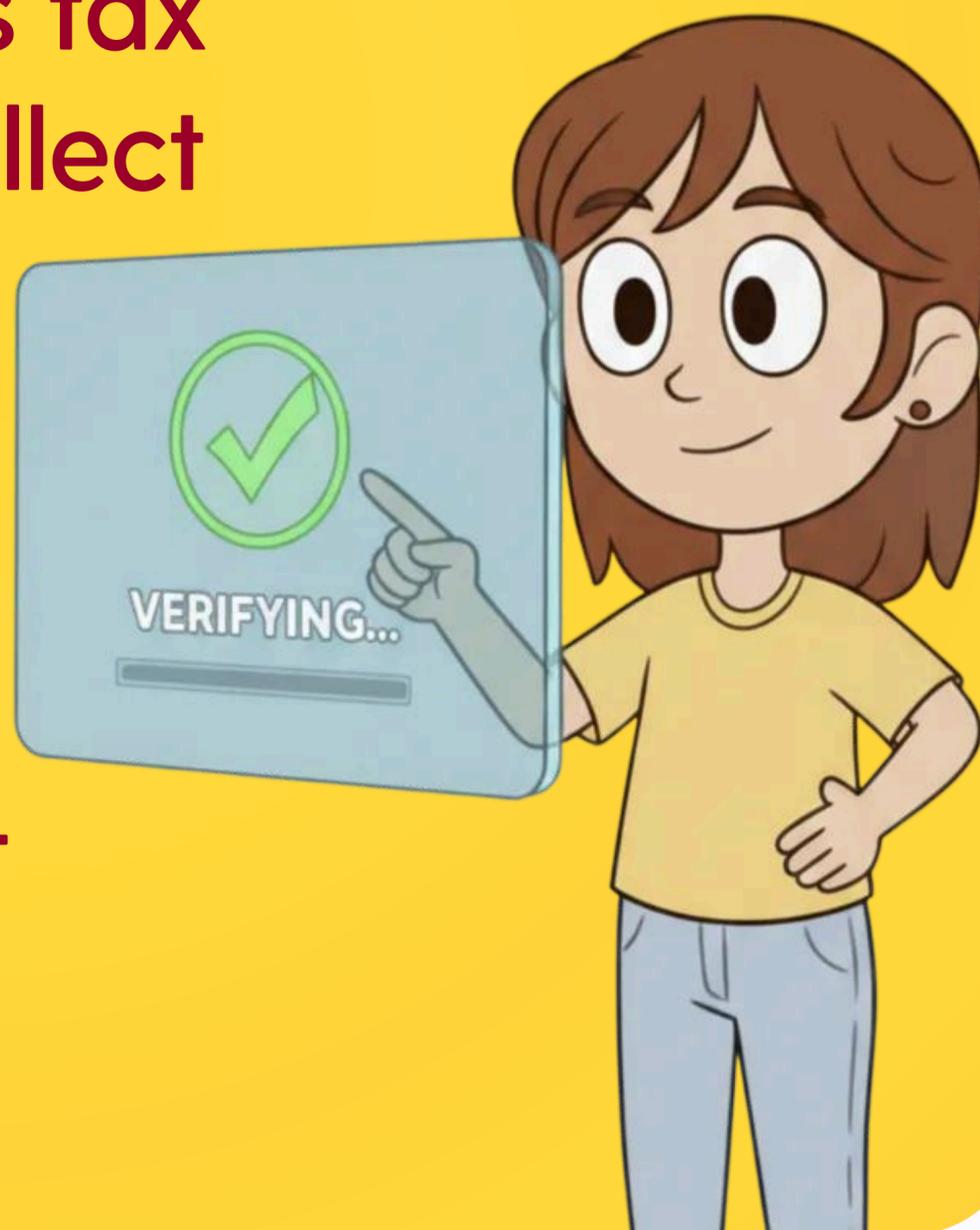
## Quick Tips To Avoid Tax Fraud

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## Beware of Imposters

Scammers pose as tax professionals to collect personal information and steal refunds.

Verify preparers at [irs.treasury.gov](https://irs.treasury.gov)



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## No PTIN? Walk Away

Legit tax professionals are required to sign the documents along with a Preparer Tax ID Number, or PTIN.

Verify their PTIN with the official IRS directory before handing over your sensitive information.

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## **They Don't Sign? You Don't Either**

Fraudulent tax preparers 'forget' to include their signature making you solely liable while directing funds to themselves.

Check their signature before you sign yours.

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## **The IRS Will Not...**

- Leave threatening messages
- Immediately send local law enforcement to your home
- Demand payment without an opportunity to question or appeal

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## **Pay IRS, Not Scammers**

Scammers ask for payment via prepaid debit card, gift cards, wire transfers, bit coin or third party checks.

Only pay using official IRS options:  
[irs.gov/payments/online-account-for-individuals](https://irs.gov/payments/online-account-for-individuals)

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