

## Watch Out for Stimulus Payment Scams

On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law, detailing how the economic stimulus payments will be determined as well as distributed to individuals. And before any payments were made, scammers were already scheming to steal your payment and your personal and financial information.

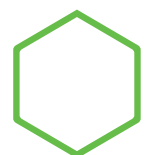
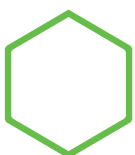
The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is advising taxpayers to be wary of phone calls, emails, text messages, and social media posts around the upcoming stimulus payments, especially those that ask for money or sensitive information be provided in order to receive funds.

### Tips to help avoid a scam

- **Know if you are eligible for a stimulus payment and the amount you should be receiving.** Visit the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center> to understand your eligibility.
- **Be suspicious if you receive a stimulus check with an unusual payment amount, an amount that includes cents,** or that requires you to call a phone number or verify your information before you can cash it.
- **The government will not ask you to pay anything in advance, or provide personal or bank account information,** to receive your stimulus payment.
- **The government will not be contacting you regarding your stimulus payment,** including asking for your Social Security number, bank account number, passwords, or credit or debit card number. Additionally, you should not be asked to verify your tax filing information.
- **Be wary of unsolicited phone calls, emails, text messages, or social media messages,** especially those requesting you to share personal, financial or account information.
- **Verify any requests for information using an alternative method before taking any action,** such as opening an attachment or clicking on a link. Locate the entity's phone number from a trusted source, such as their secure website or a recent bill or statement, or the back of your credit or debit card, if the caller is purporting to be from your bank. Use that phone number to call back to verify that the caller and the reason for contacting you are legitimate.

To learn more about the economic stimulus program, visit the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>.

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