

## IRS Warns of Internet Scam



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On January 30th 2008, the IRS issued a notice warning taxpayers of a new scam attempting to obtain personal identity and financial account information. The scam catches your attention by alerting you that you are the subject of an IRS audit or due for a tax refund. The IRS notice explains:

“...Unusual for a scam e-mail, it may contain a salutation in the body addressed to the specific recipient by name...This e-mail instructs the recipient to click on links to complete forms with personal and account information, which the scammers will use to commit identity theft. **This e-mail is a phony. The IRS does not send unsolicited, tax-account related e-mails to taxpayers.**”

Don't be caught off guard with a scam email! If your organization is ever audited by the IRS, you'll receive a letter from the IRS via regular mail.