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What are they saying?

CYBERSECURITY: SARS 2025 FILING SEASON HAS STARTED!

SARS (South African Revenue Service) has issued warnings about various scam messages circulating via email and SMS. These scams often involve requests for personal information, banking details, or eFiling credentials, falsely claiming you have a tax refund or owe outstanding amounts. SARS advises taxpayers to be vigilant and cautious of such messages.

Key Points to Remember:

No personal information requests: SARS will never ask for your personal, banking, or eFiling details via email or SMS.	No website links: SARS will never send you hyperlinks to other websites in communications.
Verify communications: If you are unsure about the authenticity of a message, contact SARS directly through their official channels or check their website for scam alerts.	Official channels: SARS has specific channels for official communications, such as their website, SMS number (47277), and email address for reporting scams: phishing@sars.gov.za .
Beware of urgent requests: Scammers often use urgency to pressure you into providing information or making payments.	

Examples of SARS Scam Messages:

Tax refund scams: These messages claim that you are entitled to a tax refund and require you to provide your banking details to claim it.	Outstanding payment scams: These messages claim you owe outstanding tax amounts and need to make an urgent payment.	Tax practitioner scams: These messages may claim to be from a tax practitioner offering their services but might not be legitimate.
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How to Report a SARS Scam:
Email the IT security team at phishing@sars.gov.za.

Staying Safe:

Be cautious of unsolicited emails or SMS messages, especially those asking for personal information, usernames and passwords.

Don't click on suspicious links or attachments.

FOR ICT SUPPORT, LOG A CALL AT THE SITA HELPDESK: 0800 11 55 75 OR VIA E-MAIL TO SITASC@SITA.CO.ZA



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