

IRS Auditor Scam

Approach

Hello. This is [name] from the IRS. We have noticed that you owe a considerable amount of money in back taxes and have made repeated attempts to contact you. This your final notice that if you do not pay what you owe, you will be subject to investigation and possibly face criminal charges from the federal government.

Communication

Our records indicate that you have a substantial balance in your account. If this balance is not paid immediately you will be in bad standing with us and we will have no choice but to send federal authorities to bring you to justice. Obviously it would be better for everyone if this issue was settled now.

Payment

We need you to send [some amount of money] to us by purchasing iTunes gift cards for the full amount and calling us back to verify the balance. This issue is serious, and can affect your credit score for the considerable future as well as land you in federal prison. Please take action now to ensure your continued well being.

Prize And Lottery Scam

Approach

Hello. This is [name] calling on behalf of Totally Real Lottery. We are calling to inform you that you have been randomly selected as the grand prize winner for our yearly sweepstakes. This is wonderful news for you and you should be very happy!

Communication

We are offering you a reward of several thousand dollars, all for you! This is a very generous offer and only available for a short time. There are many others who have entered into this sweepstakes and if you do not respond in time we will offer this prize to another winner.

Payment

To ensure that you are actually the winner, we need you to verify some information with us. Please tell us your date of birth, the address where you grew up, and the last four digits of your social security number. Please act fast as this prize is only available for a short time.

Charity Scam

Approach

Hello. This is [name] calling on behalf of Totally Real Charity with a request for donations. I'm sure you've heard about the terrible tragedy in Farout and we're raising funds to help out with the cause there. This is a terribly pressing issue and we need people to act fast to help.

Communication

There are many issues facing the area currently. The people there are in terrible need of help and aid, and we are working to provide that to them. We are doing work in the area to help out people in need. We can't do our work without funds, and we need your help to make that happen.

Payment

I need you to go to Western Union and send electronic payment to our charity immediately. Every second you waste is costing people's lives. I know I can trust on your generosity in this terrible time, your help will go a long way to make people's lives better.

Job And Employment Scam

Approach

Hello. This is [name] calling from Totally Legit Business. I'm calling to tell you about an amazing work opportunity. You can be your own boss, set your own hours, and have control over your work life. This is a highly sought after position and won't be open for long.

Communication

You'll be working for a revolutionary product that's disrupting the e-commerce field. You'll be tasked with supporting our team, working with our partners, and ensuring the continued success of the business. We need people with your skills to help improve our team and I know you'll make a huge impact.

Payment

Before we start processing your application, we'll need to verify some information first. We'll need you to send us a copy of your passport, your last tax return, and copy of your last water bill. We need this to ensure you're approved to work with us. This position is attracting a number of highly touted people so hurry fast to take advantage of this opportunity!