IRS Online Scams

Well it’s that time of year again, tax season. And, as usual, online scams related to the IRS are on the rise during the first few months of the year.

If you receive any online communications that appear to be coming from the IRS, please keep the following in mind:

- The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.
- The IRS will not call you with threats of lawsuits or arrests.

If you receive a suspicious ‘IRS’ email:
- Don't reply.
- Don't open any attachments.
- Don't click on any links.
- Forward the email as-is to phishing@irs.gov.
- Delete the original email.

For more information regarding what to do if you receive a suspicious IRS communication, e.g. email, phone call, letter, fax, please visit: https://www.irs.gov/uac/Report-Phishing
This site outlines what to do if you are the recipient of a bogus ‘IRS’ communication.

Remember, security won’t work without you. YOU are the key to security at PSOM.

Please refer all information security comments or concerns to David Wargo: David.Wargo@uphs.upenn.edu
For more security related information, visit the PMACS Information Security web page: http://www.med.upenn.edu/pmacs/