

Scammers Exploiting Confusion Over New Child Tax Credit Program

Are you one of the millions who have received advance Child Tax Credit payments in 2021? Beware of scammers trying to trick you out of money or information by pretending to be the IRS. Scammers make contact by phone, text, email and social media, then send anyone who responds to their requests or clicks thru to official-looking scammer websites. Inform yourself to avoid falling for fraud.

- **The IRS (and other government agencies) will never text, email or contact you on social media** asking for your personal or financial information.
- **The IRS does not use robocalls and will not call about something urgent or threatening.** The IRS will also not call to ask taxpayers to give or verify financial information to get your Child Tax Credit payments.
- **The IRS will never ask for payment by gift card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency.** The IRS and other government agencies will also never ask you to pay to access financial help or information about their programs.

If you have children under age 18 and have not received advance payments this year, sign up by following the IRS' instructions at www.irs.gov. The directions are simple, so you do not need to pay someone who claims to be able to help you access funds you are qualified to receive.