

## **IRS Scam Alert**

The IRS does not communicate with you by E-mail regarding your personal tax status. It would be a violation of your privacy. Please read the following!

Overnight, I received a scam message. These scams involve fraudulent E-mails purporting to be from the Internal Revenue Service.

For information on how to deal with them, please click on the following:

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155682,00.html>

If you receive messages purporting to be from the IRS, DO NOT Open the message. Please go to the following site: [How to Protect Yourself from Suspicious E-Mails or Phishing Schemes](#)

### **You Can Help Shut Down Phishing Schemes**

The good news is that you can help shut down these schemes and prevent others from being victimized. If you receive a suspicious e-mail that claims to come from the IRS, you can relay that e-mail to a new IRS mailbox, [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov). Follow instructions in the link below for sending the bogus e-mail to ensure that it retains critical elements found in the original e-mail. The IRS can use the information, URLs and links in the suspicious e-mails you send to trace the hosting Web site and alert authorities to help shut down the fraudulent sites. Unfortunately, due to the expected volume, the IRS will not be able to acknowledge receipt or respond to you.

- [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov)
- [Instructions for submitting phishing e-mails to IRS](#)
- [IR-2006-49](#), IRS Establishes e-Mail Box for Taxpayers to Report Phony e-Mails