

New Bedford Police issue warning about IRS telephone scams

The New Bedford Police Department is warning residents to be aware of scammers who are calling people at random and claiming to be from the IRS or other federal government agencies.

Remember: The IRS does not call customers. They do not have the authority to issue warrants or make arrests.

Police urge the public to keep in mind a few basic points about the IRS.

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.

The IRS does not threaten taxpayers with lawsuits, imprisonment or other enforcement actions. If you receive calls, call 1-800-366-4484. Visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information on scams and schemes.

For more information, call the New Bedford Police Department at 508-991-6300, ext. 79519.