

FAKE HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS TAX REBATE EMAILS

HM Revenue and Customs have issued an alert advising consumers about a number of fraudulent emails that have been using their department's name to try and trick people into giving out their bank account details.

The fraudulent emails say that the recipient is to receive a large tax rebate if they simply complete an online form which is accessed via an email link.

These forms ask for personal information such as your name, address and bank account details. HM Revenue and Customs state that they never contact consumers in this way and that these emails are in no way connected to them.

The department of HM Revenue and Customs have set up a special web page that lists these scams:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/security/fraud-attempts.htm>

Consumers are warned never to give out their personal details over the internet or over the phone as they may become the victim of identity theft and could lose their savings to thieves.

Staffordshire Trading Standards Officers advise that no reputable business would ask for information from you through emails, junk mail or telephone calls.

All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Cath Wohlers if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know.
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