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Free Tax Preparation Available for Seniors

The U.S. Department of Treasury has a program that gives free tax assistance to people age 60 or older, called the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program

Volunteers certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) provide in-person tax counseling and assist with basic tax return preparation, including electronic filing.

No application is needed.

To find a TCE program site near you:

Call the US Treasury help line:

1-800-906-9887

Or

Call AARP's Tax Aide Program:

1-888-227-7669

BEWARE OF TAX SEASON SCAMS

Crooks are calling New Yorkers and posing as U.S. and NYS Treasury Dept. agents. They leave frightening messages on voicemail or demand payment on a phony past due tax bill.

DON'T BE FOOLED

- The IRS, US and NYS Treasury will not call to demand payment
- They will never threaten to have you arrested
- If you owe money, you'll get a bill in the mail

WHAT TO DO:

- If you get a threatening voicemail, **do not call back.**
- If you pick up the phone and someone is making threats, **hang up.**
- **Just say NO**, do not give out personal information of any kind.

WHO CAN HELP YOU:

Call **Mike Albanese** in the Queens District Attorney's Office, Economic Crimes Bureau, call **718-286-6673**.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT

- About any tax-related phone scam: 1-800-366-4484 or 1-888-225-5322
Online at <https://www.treasury.gov/tigta>
- If you've been defrauded: 1-800-771-7755 (Attorney General's Office).

BEWARE OF COMPUTER SCAMS

Crooks are also pretending to be from Microsoft. They call and claim your computer is infected with a virus and then offer to solve the problem. This is a scam. Hang up. Neither Microsoft nor its partners make unsolicited calls to charge you for computer security or fixes.

Tax Prep Help and Scam Warnings For Seniors



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