

Tax-related phone scams increasing

The state Board of Equalization is warning Californians about tax-related phone scams.

The BOE has received multiple reports from taxpayers who received phone calls from someone impersonating a local police officer who demanded immediate payment for a tax liability and threatened arrest. The callers' spoof police department or BOE telephone numbers on caller ID, creating the appearance that a legitimate party is calling.

Taxpayers should never give any personal information or make a payment to anybody making such a call. You will receive a bill (a notice of determination or demand for immediate payment), which means you have a tax or fee amount due by the date indicated. I

If you believe you have received such a call, call 800.400.7115.