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Quote of the Month

"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." – Anne Bradstreet



Top Tax Scams for 2026

The IRS has released its annual "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams, warning taxpayers, businesses, and professionals about the latest fraud tactics—especially those involving identity theft and financial deception.

Scammers constantly evolve their methods, and tax season is prime time for attacks. Staying informed is your best defense.

New for 2026

A newly identified scam involves abusive claims tied to Form 2439 (Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains). Fraudsters are filing fake or inflated forms, sometimes impersonating legitimate investment firms or organizations, to generate improper refunds.

Top Scams to Watch This Tax Season

IRS Impersonation (Email, Text, Social Media)

Scammers send urgent messages—often with QR codes—directing you to fake IRS websites to steal personal data.

Tip: The IRS will not initiate contact this way.

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AI-Powered Phone Scams

Criminals use voice cloning and spoofed caller IDs to sound legitimate.

Reminder: The IRS contacts taxpayers by mail first.

Fake Charities

Fraudulent nonprofits pop up during tax season to solicit donations.

Only give to IRS-recognized charities.

Social Media Tax “Hacks”

Misleading advice online can lead to fraudulent filings and penalties.

Trust qualified tax professionals—not viral posts.

Identity Theft & IRS Account Takeovers

Scammers pose as “helpers” to gain access to your IRS account.

Always create accounts directly at IRS.gov.

Bogus Self-Employment Tax Credits

Fraudsters promote credits you don’t qualify for to inflate refunds.

Improper claims can trigger audits and repayment.

Ghost Preparers

Unethical preparers file returns but refuse to sign them.

Always use a preparer with a valid PTIN.

False Withholding / Refund Schemes

Scammers encourage taxpayers to falsify income or withholding to boost refunds.

The IRS verifies this data—delays and penalties are likely.

Spear Phishing & Malware (Targeting Businesses)

Tax professionals and businesses receive emails designed to steal client data or system access.

Watch for unusual requests, mismatched emails, or suspicious links.

Offer in Compromise (OIC) Mills

Some firms promise unrealistic tax debt relief and charge high fees.

Check eligibility using free IRS tools before paying anyone.

How to Protect Yourself

- Don’t click unexpected links or download attachments
 - Report suspicious messages to phishing@irs.gov
 - Visit [IRS.gov/identity-theft-central](https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-central) for protection steps
 - Report fraud at [IRS.gov/SubmitATip](https://www.irs.gov/SubmitATip)
- When in doubt, talk to your tax professional before taking action.

Why Airlines Ask You to Use Airplane Mode

If you’ve ever flown, you’ve heard: “Please switch your devices to airplane mode.” But is it really necessary?

Modern aircraft are well shielded, and there’s no strong evidence a phone can disrupt navigation. Your device won’t make a plane fall out of the sky. Still, aviation follows a “better safe than sorry” approach.

Phones constantly search for signals, and at high altitudes this can create radio noise—sometimes heard as buzzing in pilots’ headsets. It’s not dangerous, but it can affect clarity during critical phases like takeoff and landing. Phones can also connect to multiple cell towers at once, potentially disrupting networks on the ground.

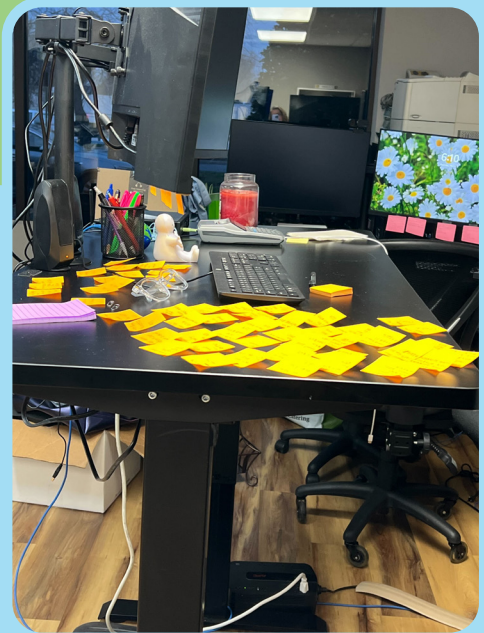
Airplane mode turns off cellular signals, preventing these issues while still allowing Wi-Fi or Bluetooth when permitted. In short, it’s not about preventing disasters—it’s about minimizing small risks and keeping communication clear.

What's NEW at CSU?



Summer for a day,
and straight to winter
in less than 24 hours.
Could you say March
gave us an early April
Fools joke?

Jonathan's desk:
When you're new
and don't want to
forget anything...
Sticky note decor!



Tech Jokes!

*I told my
computer it was
spring.*

...

*Now it keeps
opening windows..*



April Birthday

Help us wish Alyssa a very
happy birthday!



I.T. TRIVIA! CAN YOU GET 5/5?

1. What type of electromagnetic waves does Wi-Fi use?
2. In what year was the first text message sent?
3. What is the name of the digital file format, devised in 1987, to reduce the size of images and short animations?
4. Who founded Apple Computer?
5. What technology helps make telephone calls over the Internet possible?



Plaud Note AI voice recorder:

If you spend a lot of time in meetings and calls, this could save you hours. It's a small voice recorder that uses AI to turn conversations into clear summaries, transcripts and even meeting notes within minutes. You press record, have your meeting, and Plaud does the rest. It runs on its own battery, so it won't drain your phone, and lets you jump back to exact moments in the audio if you need to double-check details.

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