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information on its social media about tax scams.

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Next week is National Consumer Protection Week, and the IRS Criminal Investigation unit will spend it informing taxpayers on some of the most prevalent frauds, scams, and other threats that occur during tax season.

During National Consumer Protection Week, from March 5 to 11, IRS-CI will share information on its [Twitter account](#) on different tax scams and how the public can report these scams to authorities. IRS-CI has also created a short video about how taxpayers can protect themselves from scams, posted on [its YouTube page](#).

“Our investigators see myriad scams each year. These range from phishing attempts

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scam.

Charity fraud is another popular type of scam that takes place a lot this time of year. An organization will falsely claim to be a nonprofit or misappropriate funds intended for a charity. Before donating goods, services, or money, make sure the organization is legitimate by verifying its tax-exempt status.

Fraudsters prey on taxpayers who may owe a debt to the IRS. Consumer should be suspicious of advertisers that say they can settle their tax debt for pennies on the dollar. Taxpayers who have a debt to the IRS should reach out to the agency directly to determine their options.

And because it is tax season, IRS-CI advises taxpayers to research their tax preparer so they do not become a victim of return preparer fraud.

“You’re ultimately responsible for your tax bill so choose a tax preparer wisely,” IRS-CI said.

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