



# Dirty Dozen

## The Dirty Dozen represents the worst of the worst tax scams.

Compiled annually, the Dirty Dozen lists a variety of common scams that taxpayers may encounter anytime but many of these schemes peak during filing season as people prepare their returns or hire someone to help with their taxes. Don't fall prey.

### For a detailed description of each scam, please refer to the list below:

- IR-2023-71, [IRS wraps up 2023 Dirty Dozen list; reminds taxpayers and tax pros to be wary of scams and schemes, even after tax season](#)
- IR-2023-67, [Dirty Dozen: Beware of abusive tax avoidance schemes](#)
- IR-2023-65, [Dirty Dozen: Watch out for schemes aimed at high-income filers; Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts, monetized installment sales carry risk](#)
- IR-2023-63, [Dirty Dozen: Watch out for Offer in Compromise "mills" where promoters claim their services are needed to settle IRS debts](#)
- IR-2023-62, [Dirty Dozen: IRS urges tax pros and other businesses to beware of spearphishing; offers tips to avoid dangerous common scams](#)
- IR-2023-61, [Dirty Dozen: Taking tax advice on social media can be bad news for taxpayers; schemes circulating involving tax forms](#)
- IR-2023-59, [Dirty Dozen: IRS warns individuals to stay clear of shady tax preparers; offers tips on carefully choosing tax professionals](#)
- IR-2023-57, [Dirty Dozen: IRS warns of scammers using fake charities to exploit taxpayers](#)
- IR-2023-55, [Dirty Dozen: Watch out for third-party promoters of false fuel tax credit claims](#)
- IR-2023-54, [Dirty Dozen: IRS warns of scammers offering "help" to set up an Online Account; creates identity theft risk for honest taxpayers](#)

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- IR-2023-51, Dirty Dozen: Watch out for scammers using email and text messages to try tricking people during tax season
- IR-2023-49, IRS opens 2023 Dirty Dozen with warning about Employee Retention Credit claims; increased scrutiny follows aggressive promoters making offers too good to be true

## Prior year information on the IRS Dirty Dozen:

- **2022** — IRS wraps up 2022 Dirty Dozen scams list: agency urges taxpayers to watch out for tax avoidance strategies
- **2021** — IRS announces Dirty Dozen tax scams for 2021
- **2020** — IRS unveils Dirty Dozen list of tax scams for 2020; Americans urged to be vigilant to these threats during the pandemic and its aftermath
- **2019** — IRS concludes Dirty Dozen list of tax scams for 2019: Agency encourages taxpayers to remain vigilant year-round
- **2018** — IRS wraps up Dirty Dozen list of tax scams for 2018; encourages taxpayers to remain vigilant
- **2017** — IRS Summarizes Dirty Dozen List of Tax Scams for 2017
- **2016** — IRS Wraps Up the Dirty Dozen List of Tax Scams for 2016
- **2015** — IRS Completes the Dirty Dozen Tax Scams for 2015
- **2014** — IRS Releases the Dirty Dozen Tax Scams for 2014

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