Beware of Phishing Scams

The phishing scams have already started. Each year, millions of people receive an email "from the IRS" that looks very real and asks the person to click on a link in order to get their refund electronically deposited into their bank account. The person is asked to enter his or her SSN/ITIN and bank information and told that the refund will be there in about 24 hours.

FIRST – the IRS DOES NOT and CANNOT send emails to taxpayers - Not possible. DOES NOT happen.

SECOND – if the person clicks on the link, a virus will likely be launched onto their computer. IF they actually enter the information, it is likely that money will be deducted from their bank account within a matter of minutes.

SO, PLEASE DELETE any emails that come “from the IRS’ because they are NOT real and they will likely cause harm to your computers, identity, and bank accounts.

ALSO, we have been hearing about foreign nationals receiving emails from companies saying that they are helping the IRS to deliver refunds! Obviously, they are a scam too – the IRS works with no one to distribute refunds.