



# West Pikeland Township Police

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## SCAM WARNING

The West Pikeland Police Department would like to warn people about several attempts at IRS scams and Lottery scams which have occurred within the past couple of months in West Pikeland Township.

The scam starts when an individual calls identifying themselves as an agent or representative of the IRS or the Lottery. If it is the IRS the caller will try to convince you that you owe back taxes or that a complaint has been filed against you and that a warrant has been issued for your arrest. The caller will then tell you that if you send a money order or prepaid debit card to the office that they supply you the address for that the warrant or complaint will be withdrawn. They may also ask you for other forms of identification such as social security numbers, credit card number and others.

The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment, nor will the IRS call about taxes owed without first having mailing you a bill. The IRS will not demand that a person pay taxes without giving you an opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed. The IRS also will not require you to pay your taxes using a specific method of payment such as a prepaid debit card, nor do they ever ask for credit or debit card information over the phone.

Another scam is the Lottery. A person will call and tell you that you have won a large sum of money. They tell you that before you collect any funds that you must send a money order or prepaid debit card to an address they supply you. Again this is not how the Lottery system works.

The West Pikeland Township Police Department reminds you NOT to give personal information to anyone over the phone or to someone you don't know or send money orders or prepaid cards. If you experience any suspicious phone calls such as these or have any other issues you would like to discuss please call us at the office at 610-827-5007 and an officer will contact you.