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**Phone scammers using IRS identification**

St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin said there are recent reports of county residents being contacted over the phone by people fraudulently identifying themselves as being with the Internal Revenue Service.

"We want to do our part to protect our citizens and awareness is the key," Rubin said.

Use caution when taking phone calls from those you don't know. If anyone pressures you about giving up personal information – like your credit card or Social Security number – it's likely a scam.

Never give personal or financial information over the phone, Rubin advises.

St. Louis County Sheriff Ross Litman said that if you are a victim of such fraud, call 911 and you will be directed to the appropriate law enforcement authority.

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