



Bigger refund sound **too good to be true?**

How to Report Suspected Abusive Tax Promotions or Preparers

The IRS works to protect American taxpayers from dishonest individuals who promote improper and **abusive tax schemes** as well as tax return preparers who deliberately prepare improper returns.

Abusive tax schemes cause harm to both the federal government and taxpayers who participate in them. Taxpayers should be wary of these schemes. Those who do get involved can face a heavy tax burden that includes taxes owed, and the addition of substantial penalties and interest.

The IRS relies on help from taxpayers to identify promoters of “too good to be true” tax schemes and tax preparers using improper methods to avoid paying taxes.



If you know of one of these schemes, or an abusive tax return preparer, send a completed **Form 14242, Report Suspected Abusive Tax Promotions or Preparers, along with any supporting materials to the IRS.**

The form includes instructions on how to submit it to the IRS.