Alert: Be aware of tax and immigration scam attempts!

Office of International Student and Scholar Services (OISSS)

Dear Brown international students:

Due to a recent uptick of scam phone calls, particularly around tax season, we are sending this message out as a reminder. As a general precaution we would suggest that you do not answer your phone when you receive a call from an unknown caller, but rather let it go to your voicemail first (make sure to set it up, if you have not already done so).

Be safe,
Your OISSS team

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
The IRS warns about possible scam phone calls. Please take a moment and read the information via the links below about how to recognize a tax scam should you receive a suspicious call or phishing email message.

IRS Urges Public to Stay Alert for Scam Phone Calls

Tax Scams/Consumer Alerts

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
For scams related to immigration related matters please see the USCIS information at
https://www.uscis.gov/scams-fraud-and-misconduct/avoid-scams

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Social Security Administration
https://www.ssa.gov/antifraudfacts/

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Information for the Brown community
If you have questions regarding phishing, have received a suspicious phone call or email, or simply wish to learn more about phishing, please go to the Computing and Information Services website at
https://it.brown.edu/alerts/phishing or email PhishBowl@brown.edu
Social security scam: https://it.brown.edu/alerts/read/phone-scam-contact-tracer-soliciting-ssns

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Brown University - Legal Resource
If you are a Brown student who has become victim to scam or fraud calls and require legal advice, please contact Attorney Peter J. Cerilli at
https://www.brown.edu/campus-life/support/sarah-doyle-center/resources-emergency-contacts/attorney-peter-j-cerilli-open-hours

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