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New Scam Targeting Business Owners - Protect Your Assets

[Reno, NV] – The Nevada Department of Taxation (Department) is issuing this alert to business owners regarding a recent increase in third-party scams that involve fraudulent attempts to impersonate the Department and seize property. This alarming trend poses a significant risk to business owners.

Taxpayers in Clark County have reported receiving misleading notices or letters claiming that their properties are subject to seizure due to unpaid taxes. These communications often appear official, using official-looking logos and terminology to lend them credibility. In some cases, scammers may even attempt to contact business owners by phone, insisting on immediate action.

Key Signs of a Scam:

1. **Unsolicited Communication:** Be wary of unexpected letters or phone calls claiming urgent action is needed regarding your business property.
2. **High-Pressure Tactics:** Scammers often create a sense of urgency, pressuring individuals to act quickly without verifying the legitimacy of the claim.
3. **Requests for Payment:** The Department will not ask for payment over the phone or via untraceable methods.

What to Do if You Suspect a Scam:

- **Verify:** Contact the Department to confirm the legitimacy of any claims.
- **Report:** If you believe you've been targeted by a scam, report it to your local law enforcement and the Department.
- **Educate Others:** Share this information with other business owners to protect others from these malicious schemes.

For more information and resources on protecting your business property, visit tax.nv.gov or contact our office directly.

About the Nevada Department of Taxation:

Provide fair, efficient and effective administration of tax programs for the State of Nevada in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations and policies to ensure revenue for the State's public programs and services.