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Tax Collections Survival

Here is what to do if an IRS collector is pursuing you:

1. The IRS is the most powerful bill collector known to man. The agency has the power to take your wages, bank accounts, and other property without first granting you a hearing. However, always remember that you do have rights.
2. The IRS collection process starts with computerized form letters, which should not be ignored. If you can't pay, request more time.
3. Avoid giving bank account and employment information to the IRS over the phone. If you don't want to deal with the telephone collector, request that your file be sent to the local District Office to meet with a tax collector to work out a payment arrangement.
4. Treat a collector with respect but remember you have rights.
5. Never lie to an IRS employee about your assets or anything else. It is a crime.
6. Carefully prepare your financial information before speaking with the tax collector. Make sure you don't understate your living expenses.
7. If you can't pay your taxes all at once, you can propose an installment agreement. If you get an agreement approved, keep to it.
8. It is possible, but never easy, to reduce your tax debts through something called an Offer in Compromise.
9. Bankruptcy may work to cancel tax debts or let you pay over time without interest and penalties accruing.

10. If you are in dire financial straits, ask the IRS to suspend collection for hardship.