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Lowell Police Warns of Increase in Scams

The Lowell Police Department would like to remind residents to be aware of possible phone and email scams. There have been recent reports of phone calls to residents from persons claiming to be from the IRS and Microsoft. When in doubt, do not give out personal information via phone or email. Please also know that at no time, will any of these agencies ask you to pay in the form of gift cards. Below are three links to Microsoft, the IRS and National Grid websites regarding these scams, what to look for and how to report the scams to the company.

Microsoft Scam Information:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/safety/online-privacy/avoid-phone-scams.aspx>

IRS Impersonation Scam Information:

Press Release: https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/press/press_tigta-2016-07.htm

Scam Reporting: https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

National Grid Scam Information:

https://www9.nationalgridus.com/aboutus/a3-1_news2.asp?document=7623

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