



SCAM ADVISORY!

The Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit last year helped nearly 80,000 state residents receive a refundable tax credit. Unfortunately, several unscrupulous tax preparers coaxed elderly public housing residents to fraudulently apply for the credit (residents of public or subsidized housing are ineligible for the credit or cash refund).

The preparers who participated in this scam asked for a payment to submit the fraudulent application, and some seniors received the credit or refund without actually qualifying for it. The Department of Revenue has notified those senior residents that the refund was obtained fraudulently and must be paid back.

Seniors are not eligible for the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit if they live in public or subsidized housing. If you hear of scams targeting senior citizens this year please contact Dennis Buckley, Taxpayer Advocate, Mass DOR (Dept. of Revenue) at 617-626-2280.