This message is sent on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

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Telephone and Email Phishing

The Department of Public Safety wants to remind all community members not to respond to unsolicited telephone calls or email that may be requesting money and personal and/or financial information.

The University has received some complaints about such calls as they appear to be targeting individuals connected to the University. These calls have included requests for payment of taxes and/or URI fees as well as requests for personal tax information. If you or a family member receive such a call, do not respond; and if you receive a message, do not return the call.

University Police are working with the South Kingstown and Rhode Island State Police on the investigation. Members of the University community may call URI Police at 874-2121 to report such incidents.

Keep Secure

As the semester ends, we advise all students, faculty and staff to remain vigilant and to check their personal information settings on e-Campus. We also advise all to use caution when posting information on social media and to ensure privacy settings are used.

• Students: Unless you explicitly direct otherwise, the University's online-public directory includes your name, phone, email and address. To change this, log onto the eCampus "Self Service Center" to remove any information you do not want included in the directory. You will find links to settings for Personal Information, Privacy Settings and federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (known as FERPA)
restrictions. These pages list all the items you can elect to allow or not allow the University to release. If you have questions, simply contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@uri.edu or 401-874-4357 (401-URI-HELP).

• Faculty and Staff: Your online directory listing may also be modified on eCampus. The "URI Directory Profile" is available from the Self Service menu link.

Thank you.