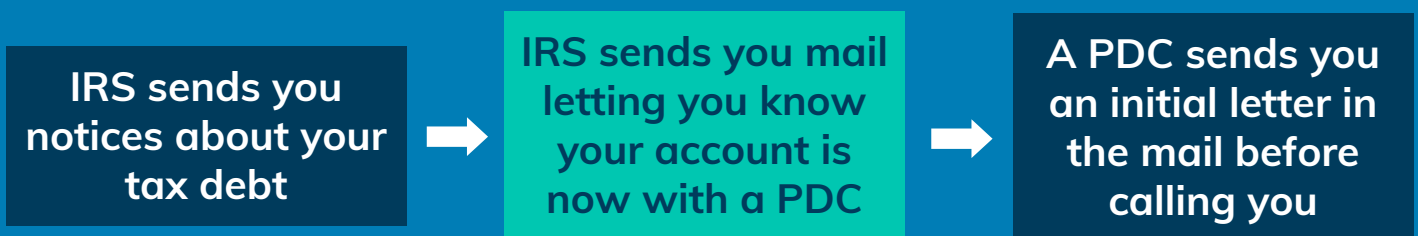


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Ways to Protect Yourself from Risks Associated with Private Debt Collection Agencies

1 Learn about how the IRS works.

The IRS won't call, text, or email you out of the blue to demand payment on any overdue tax debt. Instead, they have a system in place that dictates which accounts can and cannot be sent to private debt collection agencies (PDCs) and what the process is for an account to be sent to a PDC.



2 Don't pay the PDC directly.

A PDC's job is to get you to pay the IRS, not them. They should never ask you to pay them. Instead, they should guide you towards methods to pay the IRS. If they're pressuring you to pay them, be sure they're a valid PDC.

3 Consult with a licensed tax professional

Talking to an expert with years of IRS experience can help you get the footing you need to deal with your tax debt. If working directly with the IRS isn't your jam, you can always contact legitimate pros like ours to do that part for you.

