Don't be duped by fake “auditors” -

Scam artists pretending to be auditors from SARS are once again contacting businesses to inform them that they are under investigation and would therefore have to cooperate with the auditor. In the most recent incident two people purporting to be SARS officials visited a business in Johannesburg. They then produces a fake letter supposedly from Internal Investigations, Audit Section of the Special Investigations Unit of SARS notifying the business of the fact that an “A/A” audit is going to be conducted and the “client” is requested to cooperate. Although fake, the letter bears an old SARS logo.

The business owner became suspicious and contacted SARS's Central Johannesburg branch to check. All taxpayers, especially businesses, are warned not to be duped by these fraudsters pretending to be SARS officials and not to cooperate with them in anyway. If in doubt please check with a SARS branch, or call our contact centre on 0800 00 7277. To report any suspicious activity please call our Anti-Corruption and Fraud Hotline on 0800 00 2870.