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Canadian Lottery Scam

Consumers should be aware of a new lottery scam to avoid. It involves a telephone call from a person who claims that you have won the Canadian Lottery. The caller says it is similar to the U.S. Publishers Clearinghouse and you don't have to enter to win. The way the scam works is that the caller, posing as an IRS representative, says that you must first pay taxes on the winnings either in cash via Western Union or by check and then you will receive the winnings. Beware, this is a scam to get your cash or check. Do not send money. If you do get contacted, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at sentinel@ftc.gov.