

The IRS Notice of Levy

Common IRS issues such as late settlement of taxes lead to serious consequences like an IRS levy. A levy empowers the IRS to garnish wages, seize property, and empty bank accounts in order to pay a taxpayer's debt or unpaid penalty. Your house, your car, retirement accounts, and even rental income can all be levied by the IRS. To prevent these drastic and financially crippling scenarios, you should act fast upon receipt of a Levy Notice.

Before a Levy Notice is issued, a Demand for Payment will be received. To get help in avoiding a levy, consult a tax lawyer and present documentation why the penalties and taxes asked from you were not settled.

The IRS Levy Notice allows you 30 days to ask for a Collection Due Process hearing at the local IRS Office of Appeals. You should prepare for the hearing if counseled to do so by your tax attorney. If your taxes were paid and the IRS committed a mistake by levying you, you should show evidence in the hearing. When citizens ignore the IRS Levy Notice, they become victims of unjust levies of property and wages.

Immediate settlement following the Levy Notice and filing for bankruptcy are some reasons why a levy can't be pursued by the IRS. The IRS also can't collect taxes assessed over ten years ago because of the statute of limitations. You don't have to pay your taxes if the IRS levy was mailed after the period for tax collection has already expired.

The Collection Due Process hearing is also an opportunity to work out an installment plan for settling unpaid taxes. You will need to work out a payment plan with the Office of Appeals if you are not able to pay the full amount of what you owe the IRS. Compared to a levy of your bank account or garnishment of your wages, an installment option is absolutely less of a burden financially.

An IRS levy will continue until it is officially released, your debt is settled, or you meet the statute of limitations and the IRS can no longer get those taxes. The IRS will refund your bank charges if your bank account was mistakenly levied because of an IRS error. You need to file for refund within 30 days or you won't qualify.

Take immediate action to protect your assets if you're in danger of being levied or having IRS tax problems. Most IRS issues are ignored by uninformed or fearful taxpayers. Ignoring a Levy Notice will just encourage more problems because it is the most severe of all IRS actions. If you're currently having hardships settling your taxes, be proactive and seek assistance fast.

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