

Social Security Scam Alert

Protect yourself from scammers pretending to be Social Security Administration officials. This guide will help you identify and avoid common Social Security scams targeting seniors.

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Common Social Security Scams

Scammers use fear and urgency to trick you. Here are the most common tactics they use:

Threatening Phone Calls

Scammers call claiming your Social Security number has been suspended or compromised. They demand immediate action and may threaten arrest or legal consequences if you don't comply.

Demands for Payment

Fraudsters insist you pay a fine or fee to "reactivate" your benefits. They often request payment through gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency - methods that are impossible to trace.

Personal Information Requests

Scammers ask for your Social Security number, bank account details, or other sensitive information. They may claim they need to "verify your identity" or "update your records."

What Social Security Will NEVER Do

Never Threaten You

The real SSA will never threaten you with arrest, legal action, or benefit suspension over the phone.

Never Demand Immediate Payment

SSA will never require you to pay by gift card, wire transfer, cash, or cryptocurrency.

Never Call to Suspend Your Number

Your Social Security number cannot be suspended, revoked, or blocked.

If You Receive a Suspicious Call:

Hang up immediately - Don't engage with the caller

Don't share any information - Never give out personal or financial details

Report the scam - Contact the SSA Inspector General

Verify independently - Call the official SSA number if you have concerns

 **Remember:** If something feels wrong or too urgent, it's likely a scam. Take your time and verify before taking any action.

Official Contact Information & Resources

Real Social Security Administration

Official Phone: 1-800-772-1213

Website: ssa.gov

Report Scams: oig.ssa.gov

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