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# Beware of Social Security Phone Scams



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Telephone scammers are pretending to be government employees.

They may threaten you and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action. Do not be fooled!

**If you receive a suspicious call:**

- 1. HANG UP!**
- 2. DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY OR PERSONAL INFORMATION!**
- 3. REPORT THE SCAM AT [OIG.SSA.GOV](http://OIG.SSA.GOV)**



## What to look out for



The caller says there is a **problem** with your Social Security number or account.



Scammers **pretend** they're from Social Security or another government agency. Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but **they are not**.



Any call asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, cash, wire transfers, or pre-paid debit cards.



Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

## Be Alert

Social Security may call you in some situations but will **never**:

- » Threaten you
- » Suspend your Social Security Number
- » Demand immediate payment from you
- » Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer



## Be Active

Protect yourself and your friends and family!

- » If you receive a questionable call, just hang up and report the call at [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov)
- » Learn more at [oig.ssa.gov/scam](http://oig.ssa.gov/scam)
- » Share this information with others