

Consumer Alerts

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Spread The Word About Social Security Scams

Getting calls saying your Social Security number is suspended because of suspicious activity? It's a scam. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is not calling you, no matter what your caller ID says.

To spread the word about this growing scam, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau created this fraud prevention placemat in consultation with the FTC and SSA:

**Scams involving
your Social Security
number and benefits
are on the rise!**



Here are the facts:

- Government employees will not threaten to take away benefits or ask for money or personal information to protect your Social Security card or benefits.
- Scammers can fake your caller ID. So don't be fooled if the call seems to be from the SSA's real phone number (800) 772-1213 or the SSA Inspector General's Fraud Hotline number.
- If a caller asks for your Social Security number, bank account number or credit card information, hang up.

Report suspected scams to the SSA Inspector General at (800) 269-0271 or oig.ssa.gov/report. Visit IdentityTheft.gov/SSA for more tips.



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