Beware of Social Security Phone Scams

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

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. The number you see on caller ID may even look like an official government number but it is not.

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
» Learn more at oig.ssa.gov/scam
» Share this information with others