

# Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams

Telephone and email scammers are pretending to be government employees. Scammers will try to scare you and trick you into giving them your personal information and money. Don't be fooled!

Social Security will **not**:

- Threaten you
- Tell you there is a problem with or suspend your Social Security number
- Demand immediate payment from you
- Require payment by retail gift card, pre-paid debit card, internet currency, wire transfer, or by mailing cash



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**If you receive a suspicious call:**

**1. HANG UP!**

**2. DO NOT GIVE MONEY OR  
PERSONAL INFORMATION!**

**3. REPORT THE SCAM  
AT [OIG.SSA.GOV](https://www.oig.ssa.gov)**



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Help us end phone scams and educate others:

- Don't return unknown calls
- Ask someone you trust for advice before making any large purchase or financial decision
- Don't be embarrassed to report if you shared personal information or suffered a financial loss
- Learn more at [oig.ssa.gov/scam](https://oig.ssa.gov/scam)
- Share this information with your friends and family



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