

# 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](https://oig.ssa.gov/report). Visit [IdentityTheft.gov/SSA](https://IdentityTheft.gov/SSA) for more tips.

