

WATCH OUT FOR

Fake Social Security and government calls

Scammers pretend to be from Social Security, the IRS, Medicare or the police. They say your benefits will stop or you will be arrested unless you pay.

WARNING SIGNS

- Threats of arrest or a “suspended” Social Security number
- Payment by gift cards, crypto, wire or cash by mail
- Caller ID with a government name or number (it can be faked)
- Being told to keep the call secret or stay on the line

REMEMBER

Government agencies never demand payment by gift card, crypto, wire or cash.

Call the agency at a number you look up yourself.

IF THIS HAPPENED TO YOU

- 1 Hang up. Don't give your Social Security number or pay.
- 2 If you paid, call your bank or card company now.
- 3 If you shared your number, go to IdentityTheft.gov.
- 4 Report it at oig.ssa.gov and ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

OFFICIAL PLACES TO REPORT AND GET HELP

Social Security OIG

oig.ssa.gov/report

IdentityTheft.gov

1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338)

identitytheft.gov

FTC

1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)

reportfraud.ftc.gov

Hotlines and help in your state: aiprotection.org/stay-safe