

# DON'T FALL VICTIM TO



Unfortunately, there is a rise in scammers impersonating SSA employees to try and steal your money, benefits and your identity.



Remember, the SSA will **NEVER** contact you (via phone, email or text) with the threats listed below.

**IT'S A SCAM!**

## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF A PHONE SCAM?



### SCAMMERS WILL:

- Threaten to suspend your Social Security number, stating it is linked to criminal activity
- State they will issue an arrest warrant if you don't comply
- Threaten to halt your benefits or seize your bank account
- Demand immediate payment (via gift cards, pre-paid debit card, wire transfer, cryptocurrency)
- Make promises of increasing payments if you comply with providing information



### HOW TO KNOW WHEN A **REAL** GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IS CALLING

- The SSA will verify who they are without asking for all of your personal information
- The SSA will not ask you for money
- The SSA and DDS will have legitimate numbers you can call to verify their identity

#### **IMPORTANT TIP:**

Save your SSD attorney's number to your phone to immediately verify it is them when they call.

### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF A **SCAMMER** CONTACTS YOU?

- Do NOT give them any personal information or money in any form
- Hang up the phone
- Stay calm
- Report the scam at [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov)
- Install a robocall blocking app on your phone



## SPREAD THE WORD TO **STOP THE SCAM!**

Let friends and family members know about scammers and what to look out for. You can protect others from falling victim to scams.