



# Report Fraud, Waste, and Abuse



## Don't Ignore Fraud. Speak Up.

Do you suspect someone of committing fraud, waste, or abuse against Social Security? Reporting Social Security fraud to the SSA Office of the Inspector General is easy, safe, and secure.

## What is Fraud, Waste, and Abuse?

We investigate a variety of allegations that are considered fraud, waste, or abuse against Social Security. Our investigations are typically related to:

- Disability Insurance Fraud
- Social Security number (SSN) misuse
- Retirement and Survivors Insurance Fraud
- Supplemental Security Income Fraud
- Social Security-related scams
- Employee safety
- Employee fraud or misconduct
- Whistleblower retaliation

## How Do I Report Fraud?

Reporting is easy, safe, and secure. You can reach us by internet, mail, facsimile, or telephone.

**Online:** <https://oig.ssa.gov>

**U.S. Mailing Address:**

Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline  
Office of the Inspector General  
P.O. Box 17785  
Baltimore, Md 21235

**Fax:** 410-597-0118

**Telephone:** 1-800-269-0271 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays

**TTY:** 1-866-501-2101 for the deaf or hard of hearing

## What Information Do I Provide?

Our investigators are most successful when you provide as much information as possible about the alleged facts, suspect(s), and/or victims(s). Although you may remain anonymous, we encourage you to provide your contact information so we may reach you if we need more information to evaluate or pursue your allegation.

When you report suspected fraud, waste, or abuse, we recommend that you provide a detailed summary of the facts (who, what, where, when, how, and why), as well as the following information about the alleged suspect(s) and/or victims:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone numbers
- Date of birth
- SSN(s)

## Identity Theft

If someone uses your SSN to obtain credit, loans, accounts, or other goods and services, contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The FTC collects complaints about identity theft from those whose identities have been stolen and provides free resources for recovery.

Visit [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) or contact the identity theft call center toll free at 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338).

## Unemployment Insurance Fraud

If you think your personal information was used to fraudulently submit an unemployment insurance or disaster unemployment assistance claim, visit the U.S. Department of Labor Office of the Inspector General (DOL-OIG) website at [www.oig.dol.gov](https://www.oig.dol.gov) to report suspected fraud to the OIG's Hotline.

## What Happens Next?

The OIG will carefully review your allegation and take appropriate action. However, we do not provide information regarding what action we have taken on any allegation, or provide "status" updates. If you provided your contact information, an analyst or investigator may contact you to obtain more information. Please note, federal regulations protect the disclosure of information contained in law enforcement records, even to the individual making the allegation.

## Stay Up-to-Date

Connect with OIG on social media for the latest news and fraud advisories, or sign up for email alerts on our website [oig.ssa.gov](https://oig.ssa.gov).

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