

## County of San Bernardino Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

## SCAM ALERT

Scam: Immigrations Services Scam Target: All Seniors

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has reported a new telephone scam targeting USCIS applicants and petitioners. Scam artists are using a technique called "Caller ID Spoofing" to display a misleading or inaccurate telephone number in a recipient's Caller ID. The scam artist may pose as a USCIS official and request personal information such as Social Security number, passport number, or A-number. In addition, they may identify supposed issues in the recipient's immigration records and ask for immediate payment to correct these records. This is a scam!

Scam Artists posing as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials!

The USCIS has the following recommendations to protect you from these criminals:

- ♦ Say "No, thank you!" and hang up immediately.
- ♦ Never give payment or personal information over the phone to anyone who claims to be a USCIS official or other official from the police or government.
- **♦** Protect your personal information.
- ♦ Never provide details about your immigration application over the phone or in a public area.
- ♦ Remember that the USCIS will never ask for any form of payment or any credit card information over the telephone.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.