



SCAM ALERT

Scam: Social Security Application Calls Target: All Seniors

Scammers are attempting to obtain personal information from seniors by pretending to help with applications and claims for disability benefits. The Social Security Inspector General has issued a warning about this type of scam to anyone who may have started an application or is already receiving benefits. These scammers may contact you and attempt to get personal information from you by saying that you need to “complete the process” or “finalize your paperwork by answering questions over the telephone.” This is a scam! Do not share any personal information! If scam artists obtain your personal information you are at risk of identity and benefit theft!

Scam Artists are impersonating Social Security Administration representatives!

The Federal Trade Commission offers some suggestions to protect yourself and your personal information from scam artists:

- ✦ Keep copies of all your benefits and applications in a safe place so that you can contact the agency directly.
- ✦ Never give or confirm any personal information to someone who calls you.
- ✦ If you have applied for disability benefits, call Social Security Administration directly to check on the status of your application. The toll-free number is 1-800-772-1213.
- ✦ Do not pay any type of fee over the telephone; Social Security Administration will never ask you to pay a fee 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.**