

FRAUD ADVISORY: Inspector General Warns Public About SSA Employee Impersonation Scheme

The caller attempts to acquire personally identifiable information from victims to then edit the victims' direct deposit, address, and telephone information with SSA.

FRAUD ADVISORY: Inspector General Warns Public about SSA Employee Impersonation Scheme

Social Security Administration FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is warning citizens about a new Social Security Administration (SSA) employee impersonation scheme. SSA and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) are receiving reports from citizens across the country about phone calls from an individual posing as an SSA employee. The caller attempts to acquire personally identifiable information from victims to then edit the victims' direct deposit, address, and telephone information with SSA.

Acting Inspector General Stone warns citizens to be cautious, and to avoid providing information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. "You must be very confident that the source is the correct business party, and your information will be secure after you release it," Stone said.

If a person has questions about any communication - email, letter, text or phone call - that claims to be from SSA or the OIG, please contact your local Social Security office, or call Social Security's toll-free customer service number at [1-800-772-1213](tel:1-800-772-1213), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to verify its legitimacy. (Those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing can call Social Security's TTY number at [1-800-325-0778](tel:1-800-325-0778).)

For more information:

<https://oig.ssa.gov/sites/default/files/audit/full/pdf/Fraud%20Advisory%20-%20SSA%20Employee%20Impersonation%20Scam.pdf>

<http://oig.ssa.gov/scams-involving-impersonation-ssa-employee>

A message from the [Department of Health & Human Services](#), [Division of Senior Services](#), One Spring Street, Newton, N.J. 07860 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone [973-579-0555](tel:973-579-0555) Fax [973-579-0550](tel:973-579-0550) seniorservices@sussex.nj.us