

# SCAM ALERT

The Social Security Administration will never threaten, scare, or pressure you to take an immediate action.

**If you receive a call, text, or email that...**



- Threatens to suspend your **Social Security number**, even if they have part or all of your Social Security number
- Warns of **arrest of legal action**
- Demands or requests **immediate payment**
- Requires payment by **gift card, prepaid debit card, internet currency, or by mailing cash**
- Pressures you for **personal information**
- Requests **secrecy**
- Threatens to **seize your bank account**
- Promises to increase your Social Security benefit
- Tries to gain your trust by providing **fake "documentation," false "evidence," or the name of a real government official**

**...it is a SCAM!**

# Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore Them!

## Protect yourself and others from Social Security-related scams

- **Try to stay calm.** Do not provide anyone with money or personal information when you feel pressured, threatened, or scared.
- **Hang up or ignore it.** If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email, hang up or do not respond. Government employees will not threaten you, demand immediate payment, or try to gain your trust by sending you pictures or documents.