

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

Detach the card below and sign it in ink immediately.
Keep your card in a safe place to prevent loss or theft.
Do not laminate your card.



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The Social Security number shown on your card is yours alone. Record your number in case your card is lost or stolen. Protect both your card and your number to prevent identity theft.

If you lose your card or change your name, you will need to file a new application of identity to obtain a duplicate or corrected card. You may also have to submit evidence of citizenship or lawful alien status. Contact any Social Security office to find out exact requirements.

Show your card to your employer when you start a new job. Make sure your number and name are right so we can record your earnings correctly.

Some private organizations use Social Security numbers for record keeping purposes. Neither required nor prohibited by Federal law, the use of your Social Security number by an organization for its own records is a private matter between you and the organization. We cannot get information from your Social Security record just because they know your number.

Any Federal, State, or local government agency that asks for your number in a way that is mandatory or voluntary, its authority for requesting the number, and how it will be used.

If you are an alien without permission to work in the U.S., your Social Security card will be marked "NOT VALID FOR EMPLOYMENT". We will notify U.S. immigration officials if you use your number to work.

If you are an alien legally in the U.S. with temporary permission to work, your card will be marked "VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH INS AUTHORIZATION". To use your card to an employer as evidence of employment eligibility, you will also have to show a document authorizing employment.

Contact any Social Security office immediately if you:

- are unable to work because of a severe disability expected to last a year or more
- are age 62 or older—to ask about possible retirement benefits;
- are within 3 months of age 65, even if you don't plan to retire—to sign up for Medicare;
- have limited income and resources and are either blind, disabled or age 65 or older.

This card is the official verification of your Social Security number. Please sign it right away. Keep it in a safe place.

Improper use of this card or number by anyone is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

This card belongs to the Social Security Administration and you must return it if we ask for it.

If you find a card that isn't yours, please return it to:
Social Security Administration
P.O. Box 17087, Baltimore, MD 21235

For any other Social Security business/information, contact your local Social Security office. If you write to the above address for any business other than returning a found card, it will take longer for us to answer your letter.

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