

Improper use of this card or number by anyone is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both. If you believe someone is using your Social Security number fraudulently, notify the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-438-4338 or online at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

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 33008, Baltimore, MD 21290-3008

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 you will not receive a response.

**Social Security Administration**  
Form SSA-3000 (12-2022)

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## YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

The Social Security number shown on your card is yours alone. Do not allow others to use your number as their own. Record your number in a safe place in case your card is lost or stolen. Do not carry your card with you unnecessarily. Protect both your card and your number to prevent their misuse.

You should contact us to update your Social Security number and benefit record if your name, U.S. citizenship status, or status as a noncitizen in the U.S. changes. You will need to file an application for a replacement Social Security card and provide proof of your identity, and other evidence supporting the change.

Make sure to provide your employer with your name and Social Security number exactly as shown on your Social Security card so we can record your earnings correctly.

Some private organizations use Social Security numbers for record keeping purposes, which is neither required nor prohibited by federal law. Such use of your Social Security number is a private matter between you and the organization. Private organizations can only get information from your Social Security record based on your consent or as authorized by federal law.

Any government agency that asks for your Social Security number must tell you its authority for requesting the number, how the number will be used, and whether providing it is mandatory or voluntary.

If you are a noncitizen, with temporary authorization to work, your Social Security card will be marked "VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION." If you provide your number to an employer as evidence of employment eligibility, you will also have to show your U.S. immigration document authorizing employment.

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

The most convenient way to do business with us is to visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) to get information or use our online services. You can also call us toll free at 1-800-772-1213.