

# Senior Citizens Alerted to Social Security Phone Scams

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders reminds residents to be aware of phone scammers posing as employees of the Social Security Administration. A new report from the United States Senate Committee on Aging finds that Social Security impersonation calls are now the nation's most-reported phone scam.

"All residents should be aware of how to protect themselves and guard their sensitive information. Reporting all suspected scams to the Social Security Administration will help protect others from becoming victims," said Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella.

If a person claiming to be from the Social Security Administration calls, residents are reminded to not send money or provide any personal or banking information. Suspicious phone calls should be reported to <https://oig.ssa.gov>.

Here are some warning signs for residents to look out for:

- A caller says that there is a problem with your Social Security number or account.
- A caller demands immediate payment.
- A caller requests you pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, cash, wire transfers, or pre-paid debit cards.
- A caller threatens you with arrest or other legal action.

Residents can learn more about Social Security-related scams at <https://oig.ssa.gov/scam>.

