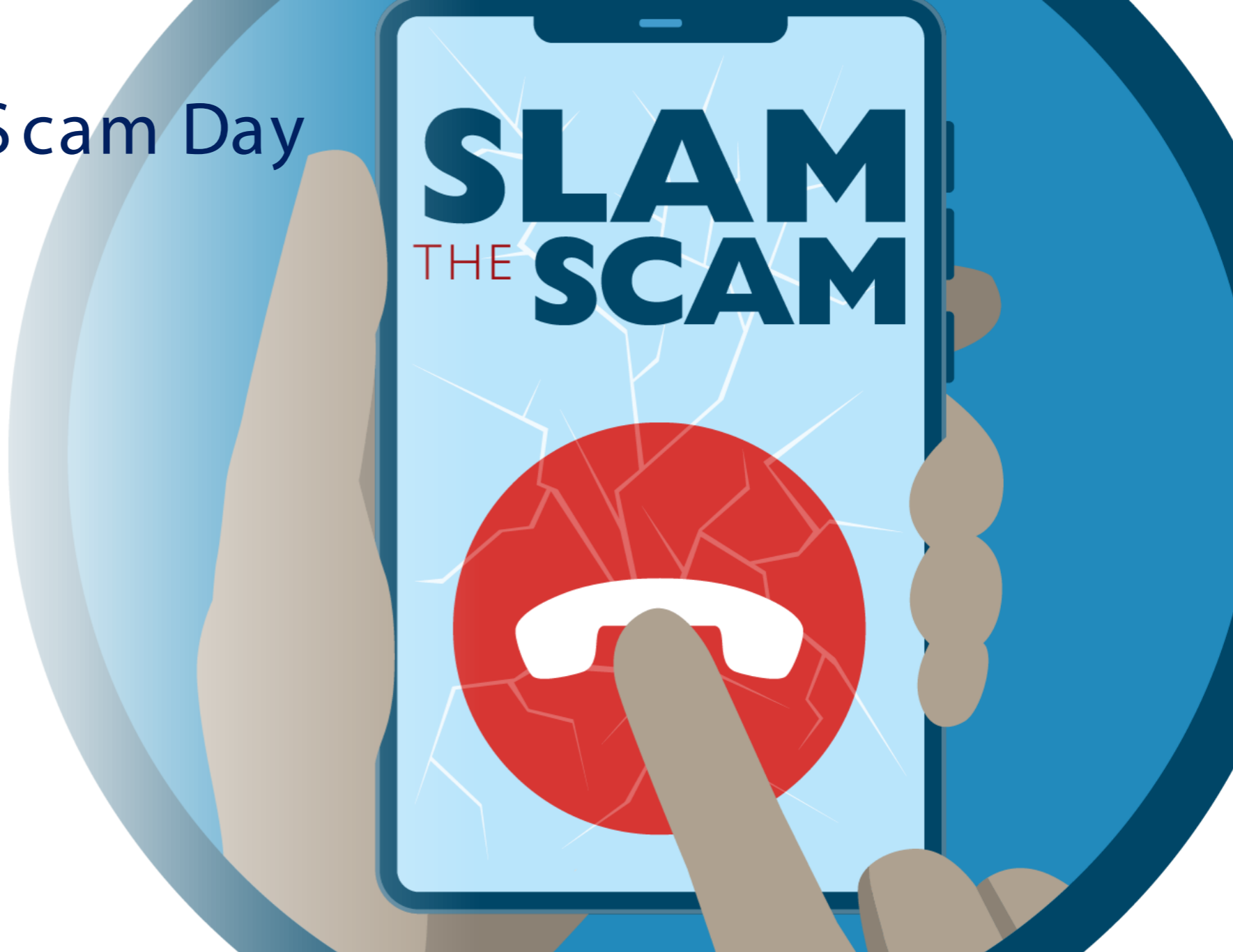


National Slam the Scam Day

#SlamTheScam

MARCH 7, 2024



Help #SlamTheScam!

- On March 7, 2024, help Social Security Administration and the Office of the Inspector General **#SlamTheScam** for the fifth annual National Slam the Scam Day.
- We're partnering with other government agencies to raise public awareness of government imposter scams that continue to happen nationwide.
- Slam the Scam Day is part of the larger National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW), hosted by the Federal Trade Commission March 3 - 9, 2024.

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An illustration of a hand with a brown skin tone pressing a button on a red circular phone icon. The red circle has a white telephone handset symbol in the center and is covered in white crack lines, suggesting it is broken or under pressure. The background is light blue with white crack lines radiating from the center.

EXAMPLES

Example 1: Hang up or ignore suspicious calls, texts, or emails

Post: Hang up or ignore suspicious calls or messages. Government employees will NEVER threaten you or demand immediate payment.

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#NCPW2024



Example 2: Report scams to the appropriate agency

Story: If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email that mentions Social Security, ignore it and report it to [link: oig.ssa.gov/report.] Report other government imposter scams to FTC.gov
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#NCPW2024



Example 3: Highlight 'Slam The Scam' partners and events

Post: Help get the word out about government imposter scams on March 7. Visit [link: ssa.gov/scam] to learn how you can
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SCAM ALERT

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



Scammers continue to impersonate government employees in an attempt to obtain your personal information or money. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

How to avoid a scam:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of a contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to share your experience and warn others. Visit ssa.gov/scam for more information. Please also share with your friends and family.

Scammers Impersonate the Government

You get a call, email, or text message...

- ▶ They say they're from the Social Security Administration and your benefits will end unless you pay.
- ▶ They say they're from the IRS and you owe taxes.
- ▶ They say you need to give your Medicare number to get a new card.



STOP!

These are all scams.

Government agencies won't call, email, or text you and ask for money or personal information. Only a scammer will do that.



Report the scam to the FTC at
ReportFraud.ftc.gov



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Help us **#SlamTheScam** and stop government imposters in their tracks.

Protect yourself from fraud and know what to do if your Social Security information is compromised.



We need your help to
#SlamTheScam
on government
imposters.

Learn how to spot scams,
identify red flags, and
report suspicious activity.



The background features a stylized illustration of a hand with a brown skin tone. The hand is shown from the side, with the index finger extended and pressing down on a red circular icon that contains a white telephone handset. The red icon is cracked with white lines, suggesting it has been smashed. The entire scene is set against a light blue background with a darker blue circular border. The text 'SLAM THE SCAM' is prominently displayed at the top.

SLAM THE SCAM

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Find more scam awareness
resources and information at
ssa.gov/scam
