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.