Your Social Security card is *not an identification document* and, in many situations, you only need to know your Social Security number (you do not need to show the physical card).

**Do You Need to Show Your Social Security Card?**

**Evidence for Work**
Several documents can be used instead of your Social Security card. Other acceptable evidence includes:
- Birth Certificate
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt
- Employment Authorization Document
- Form I-94 or Form I-94A

**Evidence for Department of Motor Vehicles or Driver License (REAL ID)**
The only state that requires you to show your physical Social Security card is Pennsylvania. For all other states, other acceptable evidence includes:
- W-2 forms
- Form SSA-1099
- Non-SSA-1099 forms
- Pay Stubs

**For Other Benefits**
You should not need to show your physical Social Security card to apply for certain benefits. You can simply provide your Social Security number for benefits like:
- Housing
- Health Insurance
- Food Assistance

**For Tax Purposes**
You do not need your Social Security card, you only need to know your Social Security number.