

Places to Never Share Your Social Security Number

Here's a secret way to keep your identity—and that of your loved ones—secure: Don't give out your Social Security number (SSN) unless it's absolutely required. That's right. Most of the time, it's OK to say no to places that ask for it. **Here's what you need to know.**

Why You Should Care

15.4 M

identity theft victims
a year

1 IN 3

data breach victims
experience identity fraud

\$16 B

lost to identity fraud
a year

Common Ways SSNs Are Stolen

- + Data breaches
- + Stolen wallet or purse
- + Stolen mail
- + Dumpster-diving
- + Phishing calls and emails

Stolen SSNs Can Be Used To...

- + Open financial accounts
- + Get medical care
- + File false tax returns
- + Commit crimes
- + Steal government benefits

When A SSN May Be Required

- + Credit applications
- + Tax returns
- + Military paperwork
- + Government benefits applications
- + Department of Motor Vehicles
- + Companies that sell products or services that require notification to the IRS

Places To Never Share A SSN

 Job Applications

 Hospitals, Medical Offices

 Drugstores

 Public Schools

 Children's Camps

 Sports Clubs

 Supermarkets

 Charities

 Airlines

 Email

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