

YOUR COMPLIMENTARY HANDBOOK TO

# SSDI

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Fraud



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## How to Report SSDI Fraud

If you have suspicions of SSDI fraud, it's crucial to promptly inform the SSA.

To report by phone, call the Office of the Inspector General's fraud hotline at 1 (800) 269-0271.

To report online, submit a fraud report on the Office of the Inspector General's website at <https://oig.ssa.gov>. You can report either anonymously, with no SSA follow-up, or confidentially, preserving your personal information.





Unless you opt for anonymity, you will need to provide the following information when submitting a fraud report:

- Your name
- Valid email address
- 10-digit phone number
- Home address
- Social Security Number
- Name of the individual or business engaged in fraud
- A summary of the suspected fraudulent activity

## **Penalties for SSDI Fraud**

The penalties for SSDI fraud vary depending on the nature and frequency of the fraudulent actions. The SSA may impose the following consequences:

- Up to five years in prison
  - Up to 10 years in prison for individuals in positions of trust, such as doctors, current or former SSA employees, claimant representatives, or translators
- A fine of up to \$250,000
- A combination of imprisonment and a fine

Furthermore, those convicted of fraud might be mandated to provide restitution, which means compensating individuals who suffered financial losses due to the fraud.

As a result, beneficiaries who received improper benefit payments due to fraud may be obligated to repay the Commissioner of Social Security.