



## WHY IS THE DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS COLLECTING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER?

Your Social Security Number (SSN) is confidential under law. We may not collect your SSN unless we explain the reason for collecting your SSN in writing and provide the applicable statutory authority for doing so.

Certain provisions of Chapter 430, Florida Statutes, read with Section 119.071(5), Florida Statutes, specifically authorize the Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) and its designated staff/employees to collect SSNs when authorized by law or when collection of SSNs is imperative to the performance of DOEA's statutorily assigned duties.

The Department is collecting your social security number as part of its responsibility to conduct assessments. We do this in order to determine benefits or services, including federal benefits, that you may be entitled to receive. If there is any other reason(s), it will be listed below:

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We will not use or give out your SSN for any other reason, including referrals to other agencies, except when specifically authorized by a state or federal statute or regulation, or unless you sign a separate consent and release form.