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Lately, Mother Nature has had a hard time trying to decide between bathing suits and snowsuits, making it hard to plan many outdoor activities. My family and I have been trying our best to go with the flow, soaking up the sun when it's warm out, and squeezing in a final skiing trip when it's not.

Going with the flow may be a good approach to family fun but, when it comes to applying for Social Security Disability benefits, there is a lot to be said for preparation. I have found that most of clients are unsure what to expect when they begin the process, so we have included an article from Social Security with a short "snapshot" of some of the questions you can expect to be asked at the start of the process.

Our second article this month includes some important information on a new scheme to obtain your personal information—make sure you read it to avoid becoming the next victim. And finally, as a reminder, please remember that the Jan Dils team has helped thousands of people fight for—and obtain—the Social Security Disability benefits they deserve. We are happy to answer your questions, and put our experience and expertise to work for you.

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## PREPARE FOR YOUR DISABILITY INTERVIEW: TIPS FROM SOCIAL SECURITY



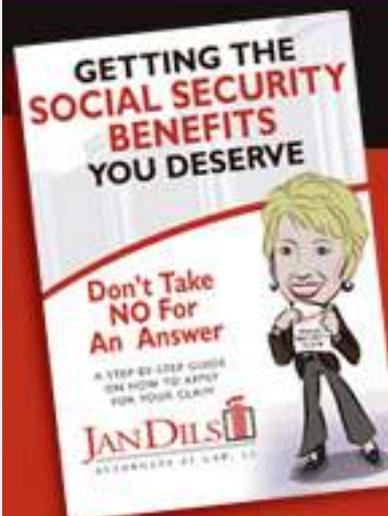
When a person becomes disabled, it can be a very stressful time in their life. There are many questions and unknowns when you have to transition out of the workforce due to medical issues. While an employer may offer short or long-term disability, most people faced with a disability will file for benefits with Social Security.

If you're facing life with a disability and don't know where to start, Social Security encourages you to visit their website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityssi). You can apply for benefits on the website, contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit your local office if you wish to apply for disability

[How Do Auxiliary Benefits Work in Social Security?](#)

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benefits. When applying for benefits, you should be prepared to answer a number of questions including:

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**When your conditions became disabling:**

- Dates you last worked;
- The names, addresses, phone numbers, and dates of visits to your doctors, the names of medications that you take and medical tests you've had; and
- Marital information

**In addition, for people with low income who haven't paid enough in Social Security taxes to be covered, you will be asked questions about:**

- Your current living arrangement, including who lives there and household expenses;
- All sources of income for you and your spouse, if applicable; and
- The amount of your resources, including bank account balances, vehicles, and other investments.

You can view the disability starter kit at

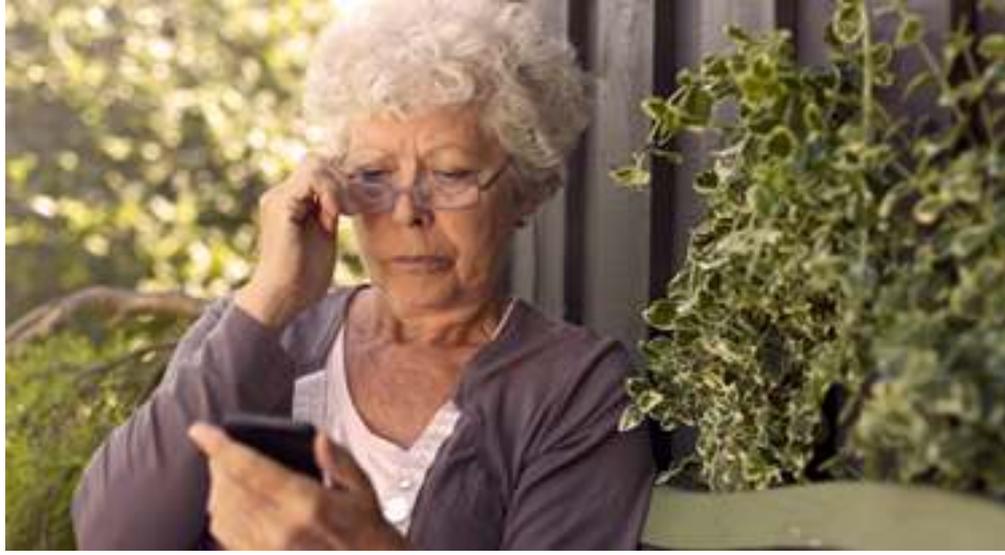
[www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability\\_starter\\_kits.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/disability_starter_kits.htm).

Remember too that the Jan Dils team is a great resource for information about all aspects of filing for Social Security Disability, and we are always happy to answer your questions.

Source: <http://blog.ssa.gov/prepare-for-your-disability-interview-tips-from-social-security/>



**INSPECTOR GENERAL WARNS  
PUBLIC ABOUT PHONE CALLS  
FROM OIG "IMPOSTERS"**



The Acting Inspector General of Social Security, Gale Stallworth Stone, is warning citizens about a nationwide telephone “imposter phishing” scheme. The Social Security Administration (SSA) and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) have received several reports from citizens across the country about persons receiving phone calls from individuals posing as OIG investigators. The caller indicates an issue exists pertaining to the person’s Social Security account or Social Security number (SSN) and directs the person call a non-SSA telephone number to address the issue.

The reports indicate the calls include a recording from a caller stating she is “Nancy Jones,” an “officer with the Inspector General of Social Security.” The recording goes on to say the person’s Social Security account, SSN, and/or benefits are suspended, and that he or she should call 806-680-2373 to resolve the issue. Citizens should be aware that the scheme’s details may vary; however, citizens should avoid calling the number provided, as the unknown caller might attempt to acquire personal information.

OIG investigators occasionally contact citizens by telephone for investigative purposes, but they will not request sensitive personal information from a citizen over the phone. If a person receives a similar suspicious call from someone alleging to be from the OIG, citizens may report that information to the OIG at 1-800-269-0271 or online via <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.



Acting Inspector General Stone said, “This phishing scheme is targeting unsuspecting persons for the purpose of Social Security benefit theft or identity theft.” She warns citizens to be cautious, and to avoid providing personal information such as your SSN or bank account numbers to unknown persons over the phone or internet unless you are certain of who is receiving it. “You must be very confident that the source is the correct business party, and that your information will be secure after you release it,” Stone said.

If a person has questions about any communication—email, letter, text or phone call—that claims to be from SSA or the OIG, please contact your local Social Security office, or call Social Security’s toll-free customer service number at 1-800-772-1213, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, to verify its legitimacy. (Those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing can call Social Security’s TTY number at 1-800-325-0778.)

Source: <http://blog.ssa.gov/general-warns-public-about-phone-calls-from-oig-imposters/>

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