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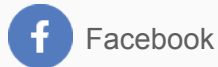
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Spring has officially sprung, and I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family outdoors—in other words, more quality time and less screen time! It seems like people are spending more time than ever before online, and I understand how hard it can be to put down that cell phone or close the laptop.

In today's world, with so much information being shared online, it's also easy for your personal information to fall into the wrong hands. That's why, from time to time, we include articles on how to avoid being the victim of fraud. However, sharing information isn't necessarily always a bad thing. So this month, we have included an article that outlines some of the ways that Social Security may share your information, without putting you at risk.

The Jan Dils team also came across another interesting article we wanted to share with you this month. There is a lot of misinformation out there (especially online!) about Social Security disability benefits. The article we have included tackles four common myths, and sets the record straight with the facts.

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I hope you will have the opportunity to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather with family and friends and, if you have questions or concerns about Social Security benefits, please give us a call. We are always happy to hear from you and to answer your questions.

Sincerely,



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HOW SOCIAL SECURITY SHARES DATA TO HELP YOU



Social Security is with you throughout life's journey — when you're born, start working, get married, become disabled, lose a loved one, and when you retire. At every stage, Social Security strives to make your interaction with them as seamless as possible. One way they do that is through their data exchange programs. Data exchange happens when Social Security electronically obtains or shares personal information about someone with another government or private entity. This only happens when it's legally permitted, technologically secure, and in accordance with your individual privacy rights.

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Social Security's data exchanges begin at birth when Social Security receives your name, date of birth, and parents' names from states so we can provide a new Social Security number for a baby. This allows Social Security to create your first Social Security record.

Social Security's data exchanges continue when you take your driving test or request an identification card with a department of motor vehicles (DMV). Their exchanges allow the DMV to verify your Social Security number to issue a government document or register you to vote. When you get your first job, employers use the Social Security verification service to verify your information before submitting your wage reports to Social Security. This ensures Social Security can accurately track your earnings over your lifetime to secure your retirement, disability, and survivors' coverage.

If you become disabled and eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance, they share your data with other federal agencies to help you get additional benefits, such as those from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, if you're a Veteran. If you served in the military, Social Security obtains a Veteran's status as a wounded warrior to expedite your disability claim with Social Security. They also provide disability status to the U.S. Department of Education for potential student loan forgiveness.

After a person's death, Social Security gathers death information from states, and other federal agencies through data exchange to support their loved ones and provide final death benefits.

Data exchanges facilitate Social Security's efficient administration of our programs while saving tax payers' money. You can find more information about Social Security data exchange programs at www.ssa.gov/dataexchange.

Source: <http://blog.ssa.gov/how-social-security-shares-data-to-help-you/>



The following is provided by Social Security as an example of some commonly held beliefs or myths, as well as the facts to

Myth: I'm young and healthy; I don't need to worry about disability.

FACT: Disability is unpredictable. More than one in four 20-year-olds becomes disabled before reaching retirement age.

Myth: Most Social Security beneficiaries are not really disabled.

FACT: The Social Security Disability Program provides benefits to disabled workers who can no longer work due to a disability. Because Social Security's eligibility requirements are so strict, our beneficiaries are among the most severely impaired people in the country.

Myth: If you become disabled by a serious rare disease, you'll still have to wait a long time for disability benefits.

FACT: Through our Compassionate Allowances, Social Security provides benefits quickly to applicants whose medical conditions are so serious that their conditions obviously meet disability standards.

Myth: Social Security benefits are based on your last seven years of earnings.

FACT: We base Social Security benefits on your lifetime of earnings. We adjust or "index" your actual earnings to account for changes in average wages since the year the earnings were received. Then, Social Security calculates your average indexed monthly earnings during the 35 years in which you earned the most. We apply a formula to these earnings and arrive at your basic benefit, or "primary insurance amount."



If you have additional questions about Social Security benefits, call the Jan Dils team—we are always happy to help.

Source: http://blog.ssa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/MythFacts_Infographic-05-4.jpg

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