

EBT Scam Awareness

EBT cardholders beware

Various counties in California have reported scams targeting recipients of public benefits

Common scams include:

Receiving text messages or phone calls instructing you to provide your name/EBT number and PIN/SSN if your card number begins with 5077 - **ALL EBT cards begin with 5077.**

Signing up for a free government phone and the provider asks for your EBT card number and PIN or takes a photo of your EBT card. **There are other ways for them to verify your eligibility.**

Receiving text messages or phone calls instructing you to call a false Social Security Administration (SSA) office and provide your EBT card information. **The SSA office will never ask for that information.**

Santa Clara County, California, and the US government will never ask you for your EBT card number and PIN number by text message, phone call, or on a website.

If you have been a victim of stolen benefits, report the theft to (408) 758 - 3800 within 10 days.



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