

SOCIAL SECURITY
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About Our Organization



Who We Are

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is directly responsible for meeting the statutory mission of promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of Social Security Administration (SSA) programs and operations and to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in such programs and operations. To accomplish this mission, we direct, conduct, and supervise a comprehensive program of audits, evaluations, and investigations relating to SSA's programs and operations. We also search for and report systemic weaknesses in SSA programs and operations, and make recommendations for needed improvements and corrective actions.

What We Do

We strive for continual improvement in SSA's programs, operations, and management by proactively seeking new ways to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse. We commit to integrity and excellence by supporting an environment that provides a valuable public service while encouraging employee development and retention and fostering diversity and innovation.

Why We Do It

By conducting independent and objective audits, evaluations, and investigations, we inspire public confidence in the integrity and security of SSA's programs and operations and protect them against fraud, waste, and abuse. We provide timely, useful, and reliable information and advice to SSA officials, Congress, and the public.

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Immediate Office of the Inspector General

The Immediate Office (IO) provides the Inspector General with staff assistance on the full range of his/her responsibilities. IO staff provides liaison with all agencies sharing common interests with the OIG and ensures coordination with congressional committees, SSA, the Social Security Advisory Board, and the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.



Office of Audit

The Office of Audit (OA) conducts and supervises comprehensive financial and performance audits of SSA's programs and operations and makes recommendations to ensure that program objectives are achieved effectively and efficiently. OA also conducts short-term management and program evaluations, and other projects on issues of concern to SSA, the Congress, and the general public.



Office of Communications and Resource Management

The Office of Communications and Resource Management (OCRM) directs all OIG public affairs activities, provides budget, management, human resources, and IT support to the Inspector General and OIG components, and operates the Social Security Fraud Hotline and the Fugitive Enforcement Program. OCRM also receives and analyzes Social Security fraud allegations and whistleblower claims and refers them to the appropriate entity for review and action.



Office of the Counsel to the Inspector General

The Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG) provides independent legal advice and counsel to the Inspector General on a wide range of issues, including statutes, regulations, legislation, and policy directives. OCIG also administers the Civil Monetary Penalty program, imposing penalties and assessments and providing settlement and litigation of CMP cases. OCIG may impose civil monetary penalties against violators of sections 1129 and 1140 of the *Social Security Act*.



Office of Investigations

The Office of Investigations (OI) conducts and coordinates investigative activity related to fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in SSA programs and operations. This office serves as OIG's liaison to the Department of Justice on all matters relating to the investigation of SSA programs and personnel. OI also conducts joint investigations with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.



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