

Guard Your Card



Securing today
and tomorrow

Your Social Security card is *not an identification document* and, in many situations, you only need to know your Social Security number (you do not need to show the physical card).

Do You Need to Show Your Social Security Card?



Evidence for Work



Several documents can be used instead of your Social Security card. Other acceptable evidence includes:

- Birth Certificate
- Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt
- Employment Authorization Document
- Form I-94 or Form I-94A

Evidence for Department of Motor Vehicles or Driver License (REAL ID)



The only state that requires you to show your physical Social Security card is Pennsylvania. For all other states, other acceptable evidence includes:

- W-2 forms
- Form SSA-1099
- Non-SSA-1099 forms
- Pay Stubs

For Other Benefits



You should not need to show your physical Social Security card to apply for certain benefits. You can simply provide your Social Security number for benefits like:

- Housing
- Health Insurance
- Food Assistance

For Tax Purposes



You do not need your Social Security card, you only need to know your Social Security number.