

## Lost Social Security Card

Have you lost your Social Security card? Was your Social Security card stolen? If so, there are some important things you need to know:

- You can replace your card for free if it is lost or stolen
- You cannot apply online for a new card if it is lost or stolen
- You are *limited to 3* replacement cards per year
- You are *limited to 10* replacement cards in a lifetime

### Procedure to replace your lost or stolen SSN card

- Visit one of the local Social Security offices during regular office hours
- Provide proof of identity
  - Acceptable proof of identity include: U.S. driver's license, state-issued non-driver identification card, and passport
- Proof of your status
  - Acceptable proof of nonimmigrant status: Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 along with a valid I-94 (either paper or electronic)
- Completed Social Security Card Application
  - You will need to fill out another application which is available on the Social Security website at <http://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf>.
  - It is best to complete the electronic version of the application to ensure that your information is correct and legible.

### Processing Timeframe

- Approximately 10 business days or two weeks

### Reporting a Stolen Card

#### **Important things you need to know:**

- Educate yourself about identity theft as it is one of the fastest growing crimes in America.
- No action is *automatically* taken by the Social Security office when a card is lost or stolen; you must report the problem.
- It is important to report any suspicious activity related to your Social Security number in order to make sure your identity and financial health are safe.

#### **Steps to take if your card has been stolen and you believe someone is using your information incorrectly or without your knowledge:**

- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by going online to [www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft)
- Check your Social Security records by calling toll-free 1-800-772-1213 to ensure your income is calculated correctly
- Monitor your credit reports
- Please visit, <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10064.pdf> for more information.