

Helpful Information to Protect Retirees

The following two state agencies offer services to assist retirees in many areas as well as protect them from fraud and abuse. The RSA's Web site at www.rsa-al.gov also provides information for our members on avoiding unsolicited information.

Alabama Department of Senior Services (ADSS)

ADSS administers programs for senior citizens and people with disabilities. Through the Regional Planning Commissions and the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), ADSS administers statewide programs on aging that cover all 67 counties. AAA is currently providing nutrition service through over 360 senior centers. Other services provided by ADSS include Caregiver Assistance, Disaster Recovery, Elder Abuse, Insurance Counseling, Legal Assistance, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Medicare Fraud Prevention, Nutrition and Wellness, and more.

ADSS also provides on its Web site: *Alabama Connect*. It assists older adults, individuals with disabilities and their family members locate services they might need as well as information that might be of interest. The site has a collection of tools, resources, and educational information.

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 Montgomery, Alabama 36130
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 Fax 334.242.5594
 Email: ageline@adss.alabama.gov
 Web: www.alabamaageline.gov

Alabama Attorney General

The Attorney General's Office offers many services through its Web site and numerous publications including Consumer Protection, Child Abuse & Exploitation, Elder Abuse & Exploitation, and Welfare Fraud. Under Consumer Protection, the site provides for a free annual credit report, and guides to protect you from home repair fraud and your good name from identity theft.

Identity Theft Phone and Web Site Reference

Government Agency Contacts

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| Attorney General Troy King's Consumer Protection Hotline | 800.392.5658 www.ago.alabama.gov |
| Federal Trade Commission | 877.IDTHEFT www.ftc.gov |
| United States Postal Inspector | 404.608.4500 www.usps.com |
| Social Security Administration | 800.772.1213 www.ssa.gov |

Credit Bureau Contacts

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| Equifax | 800.525.6285 |
| Experian | 888.397.3742 |
| Trans Union | 800.680.7289 |

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| Check Verification Services | |
| TeleCheck | 800.710.9898 |
| Certegy Inc. | 800.437.5120 |
| International Check Services | 800.631.9656 |

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| Other Consumer-Related Contacts | |
| To reduce the number of unsolicited offers of credit | 888.5.OPT-OUT (888.567.8688) |
| To reduce the number of telemarketer calls you receive | 888.382.1222 www.donotcall.gov |

Contact:

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Retirement Systems of Alabama

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