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Securing today
and tomorrow



Tips for your Employees:

Update from last month's news:

We removed the requirement to use a cell phone to access mySocialSecurity accounts. As before July 30, current account holders will be able to access their secure account using only their username and password. Although we highly recommend the extra security text message option, it is not a requirement.

Please continue to promote mySocialSecurity accounts at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount.

Need help planning for the future?

There are a variety of calculators on the Social Security website to help plan for the future. Which calculator you choose depends on what you want to do. There's an earnings test calculator, spouse's calculator, retirement age calculator, etc.

Check them out at <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/beneficalcalculators.html>

How you apply for Survivors Benefits

You cannot report a death or apply for survivors benefits online. In most cases, the funeral home will report the person's death to Social Security; however, to be safe, you will also want to notify Social Security as soon as possible. You will need to give the funeral home the deceased person's Social Security number if you want them to make the report.

To report a death or apply for benefits, call 1-800-772-1213. You can speak to a Social Security representative between 7 AM and 7 PM Monday through Friday.

For more information on survivor benefits go to
<https://www.ssa.gov/planners/survivors/howtoapply.html>