Attorney General Ashley Moody’s office is warning consumers about scammers trying to trick people into giving up their Social Security numbers.

Fraudsters are using robocalls and “spoofing”, which disguises the number displayed on targets’ caller IDs, to impersonate the Social Security Administration. The latest ploy is a variation of a longstanding tactic in which scammers claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service or other government agencies.

The attorney general’s office advised people to never provide their personal information, such as Social Security numbers or financial account numbers in response to a solicitation.

Any solicitor who claims that a Social Security number is about to be suspended or bank accounts will be seized is lying, Moody’s office warned.

Phone frauds have been a growing problem across the country. Florida residents receiving such calls were urged to call 866-966-7226.

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