Protect yourself from scams and fraud.

When you get an invitation to take the census, here’s how to know it’s legitimate, safe and confidential.

The legitimate 2020 census form will never ask you for:
- your social security number
- money or donations
- your bank or credit card information
- your political views or affiliations

If a census taker comes to your door:
- They will have a copy of the census letter you received.
- Legitimate census takers will have an ID badge with their photo, a Department of Commerce watermark and an expiration date.

If you suspect fraud, call the Census Bureau at 800-923-8282.

All legitimate census materials will arrive by mail with a return address from Jeffersonville, Indiana.

The Census Bureau will never send you an unsolicited email.

To respond online, be sure you’re using https://census.gov.

Some scammers fake the number they’re calling from. Don’t always trust caller ID.

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