



## *Current Restrictions on Use of Social Security Numbers*

### **Government/Public Sector:**

- Health Insurance ID Number for State Health Plan shall not be an individual's social security number (§ 2.2-2818 (N)).
- No agency can require an individual to supply his social security number or refuse services to an individual for refusal to supply his social security number, unless the disclosure is specifically required by state or federal law (§ 2.2-3808 (A)).
- No agency-issued ID cards (such as student identification cards and license certificates) may display an **entire** social security number -- all such existing cards were required to be replaced by July 1, 2006 (§ 2.2-3808 (B)).
- Voter registration cards displaying a social security number must all be reissued by December 31 following the completion of redistricting after the 2010 census (§ 2.2-3808 (C)).
- A clerk of court may refuse to accept any instrument submitted for recordation that includes a grantor's, grantee's, or trustee's social security number (§ 17.1-227).
- No clerk of court shall disclose a social security number, other identification number, or financial information provided to the clerk to pay fee, fines, taxes, or other charges (§ 17.1-293(A)).
- No clerk may post social security numbers or other specified identifying information on the Internet, except as provided in remote access subscription services (§ 17.1-293 (B)).
- The clerk of court may withhold from public disclosure a social security number provided on an application for a concealed handgun permit (§ 18.2-308(D)).
- Petitions, pleadings, motions, orders, etc. regarding divorce and child custody shall not contain the social security numbers of any party or of any minor child. If required by law, social security numbers shall be provided on a separate addendum that will not be made available to the public (§ 20-121.03).
- Election records containing social security numbers shall not be made available to the public (§ 24.2-107).
- Social security numbers shall only apply on applications for marriage licenses retained by the officer issuing the license, and on the copy of the license forwarded to the State Registrar. Marriage licenses that were filed after July 1, 1997 and that are not configured to prevent disclosure of a social security number shall not be available for public inspection (§ 32.1-267 (E), (F)).
- Social security numbers shall not be used as driver's license numbers (§ 46.2-342 (A)).

## **Private Sector:**

- A consumer may request that a supplier not use the consumer's social security number as his account number (§ 59.1-200 (A)(35)).
- A person may not intentionally communicate an individual's social security number to the general public. However, this prohibition does not apply to public bodies or public records (§ 59.1-443.2 (A)(1), (D)).
- A person may not print an individual's social security number on any card required to access or receive products or services. (§ 59.1-443.2(A)(2)).
- A person may not require an individual to use his social security number to access an Internet website, unless a password or other authentication is also required (§ 59.1-443.2(A)(3)).
- A person may not send any letter or package that displays a social security number on its face or from which the social security number is visible (§ 59.1-443.2 (A)(4)).
- No person can embed a social security number (even if encrypted) in or on a document using a bar code, magnetic strip, or other technology, in place of removing a social security number as required by the Personal Information Privacy Act (§ 59.1-443.2 (E)).