



The Dental Board of California (Board) has received reports of scammers impersonating Board staff via phone and letters. These fraudulent communications may:

- Claim your license is suspended or under investigation
- Demand immediate payment or personal information
- Use spoofed phone numbers or official-looking letterhead

 What You Need to Know:

- **The Board will never** demand payment or sensitive information over the phone.
- **Official correspondence** will always come from verified Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) or Board channels.
- **Scammers may threaten arrest or license revocation**—these are scare tactics.

 How to Protect Yourself:

- **Do not provide** personal or financial information. Refuse demands for payment.
- **Hang up immediately** if the call seems suspicious.
- **Verify** any communication by contacting the DBC directly through our [Contact Us](#) page.

 Report Suspicious Activity:

- [Send a message to the Board.](#)
- If the caller is stating they are from DEA, report the scam to the FBI using the DEA's [Extortion Scam online reporting form.](#)
- If the phone number of the caller appears to be the Board's telephone number, it is recommended that you submit an online complaint with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) using the [FCC's Consumer Complaint form.](#)