

## Warning: Scammers Posing as DEA Agents or Board Enforcement Staff

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
- **The scammers' phone number may show up as the Board's phone number, (916) 263-2300, (877) 729-7789, 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.](#)