

Social Security Advance Designation

When planning your financial future, it's important to think about the unexpected. That includes preparing for a time when you're not able to manage your own money.

To help, the Social Security Administration (SSA) offers [Social Security Advance Designation](#). Advance Designation gives you peace of mind by allowing you to recommend someone you trust to manage your Social Security benefits if you become unable to do so yourself.

What is an Advance Designation?

If you need help at some point in the future, Social Security Advance Designation lets you to choose up to three people to serve as your “representative payee.” A representative payee is someone who the SSA appoints to manage your Social Security benefits if you are unable to do so. You can change your designees at any time. If you choose advance designees, the SSA will send you a notice each year so you can review the people you chose. When picking a designee, choose someone who you think has a genuine concern for your well-being.

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How can I make an Advance Designation?

You may submit or change your Advance Designation in a few ways:

- Online using your personal [my Social Security](#) account.
- By telephone at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).
- In person by going to your [local field office](#).