

## Social Security Tips for Women

If you change your name (as many women do after marriage), make sure you record the change with the Social Security Administration (SSA). Otherwise, when your employer reports your earnings and pays Social Security taxes, the amount might not be credited to your account, thus possibly reducing the Social Security benefit paid to you in retirement.

To record the change, fill out and submit an application for a Social Security Number Card (Form SS-5). (You'll also need to submit proof of your old and new names.) Obtain a copy of the form by calling the SSA at (800) 772-1213.

And while you're at it, ask them to send you the free booklet, *Social Security...What Every Woman Should Know* (Publication 05-10127), or visit [www.ssa.gov/pubs/10127.html](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10127.html).

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