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Moving can be hectic. Some studies show that relocating is one of the greatest stresses we face in our lives.

Whether you are moving nearby or across the country, don't forget Social Security if you are a beneficiary. Keep us in the loop with your updated information so we can make sure your benefits continue to arrive on time at your new address.

Even if you get your benefits by direct deposit or Direct Express, or you are only receiving Medicare benefits, reporting your change of address to us still is important.

Without your current mailing address, Social Security is unable to send you notices and other important correspondence about changes that could affect your benefits.

Agreeing to report certain events, including your change of address, is part of the Social Security benefit application process. Your benefits could stop if we are unable to contact you.

The fastest and easiest way to change your address with Social Security is to do it online at [www.socialsecurity.gov/changeofaddress](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/changeofaddress).

By answering a series of questions, we can process your change of address electronically, and you can tell us when the change takes effect. You will receive a confirmation letter in the mail.

You also can call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). Our automated service will walk you through the process of changing your address in our records. Representatives can help you weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time.

To learn more about changing your address online, read our online fact sheet, *Moving? Save Time-Change Your Address Online* at [www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10028.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10028.html).