

## **“Benefit Update” Mailing**

The Bucks County Consumer Protection Department is cautioning residents about a recent mailing. It is generated by the “National Processing Center”, Washington, D.C., however, make note of the **fine** print that states “Not affiliated with any government agency”. It is a tri-fold mailing in which you are asked to tear off one section after filling out your phone number, spouses name and both of your birthdates. The letter may begin as such;

*Jane,*

*The Social Security Administration has made funds available for final expense planning. There are also state-regulated life insurance programs to help pay what the government does not cover...*

These return postage-paid mailings are addressed to residents between the ages of 50 and 85 years old. The information that they are asking for provides them with enough to gather even more information on you as an individual. They could quite possibly get the last four digits of your social security number or access financial information. There is no indication that the company is connected to identity theft but it is always advised that people should be “on guard” about volunteering personal information.

When mailer recipients fill out and send back its mailers, ARM bundles the customer information and sells it to insurance companies that have hired it to generate leads.

The Bucks County Consumer Protection recommends that, since most people already have homeowners and/or auto insurance, if you are interested in obtaining life insurance for “final expenses”, that you contact the company that you are already doing business with and have established trust with concerning your personal information.

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**Bucks County Coroner's Office**  
215-348-3852  
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1-800-675-6900

**A Woman's Place (AWP)**  
1-800-220-8116  
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215-348-6060  
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