

# **TELEPHONE SCAM ALERT**

Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners

It has come to the attention of the Maryland State Dental Board that dental offices across the State may be the subject of telephone scam artists posing as Dental Board employees stating that the dentist's license is associated with either drug trafficking, money laundering, or other criminal activity. The caller may then seek to obtain personal information from the dentist and may threaten administrative or criminal action for failure to cooperate. Note that the caller may be able to manipulate caller ID so that it appears that the Dental Board is the source of the call. Do not provide any personal information to such callers. Be aware that the caller may know your full name, office telephone number, and address that you have on file with the Board, since that information is available by law to third parties.

If you are a dentist, dental hygienist, or dental radiation technologist, and you receive any suspicious calls of this nature, regardless of the purported source, you are strongly urged to immediately call the Dental Board at 410-402-8502.

Under no circumstances does the Dental Board ask that you provide credit card, banking, or other financial information by telephone, e-mail, or other electronic communication.

Thank you for your cooperation.