UFID as Social Security Number Replacement Moves Ahead

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Like many other organizations, UF has discontinued the use of Social Security numbers as primary identifiers for its faculty, staff, and students. As of January 21, 2003, a new 8-digit public ID number is being used instead.

If you don't know or have forgotten your new UFID number, go to the UFID Web site at http://ufid.ufl.edu. To use the What's my UFID? application, you can use your GatorLink ID and password, your Social Security number and your date of birth.

Units should not keep Social Security numbers in their electronic files and should not ask for Social Security numbers on any paper forms after January 21, unless they have prior approval from the University Directory Administrator (ufid@ufl.edu [mailto:ufid@ufl.edu]).

A new application available on the UF Administrative Applications Menu (the "Admin" menu), called UFID Group Translator, allows authorized users to submit up to 500 Social Security numbers and obtain the corresponding UFID numbers (and vice versa). A unit's On-Line Security Request processor must request access for specific individuals within their scope of authority to use this application.

Also on January 21, 2003, a new UF Directory replaced the previous directory services and the Electronic Phone Book Maintenance system. This new directory brings together, in one Web-based location, real-time information about the entire university community, including current and former students and employees, as well as other affiliated individuals. New Directory Coordinators are being trained on how to use the new directory services.

Any questions about the new UFID number or UF Directory should be directed to ufid@ufl.edu [mailto:ufid@ufl.edu].

Your Comments are Welcome

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