



MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

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The Mississippi Board of Psychology (MSBOP) has recently become aware of a telephone scam targeting psychologists. The psychologists receive a call from a person who claims to be calling from the licensure board and the number on caller ID even appears to be from the licensure board. The psychologist is told that they are under investigation and their license has been suspended. In order to remedy the situation, the psychologist is told they will be issued a temporary license. They are asked for personal identifiable information and payment. The psychologists have also been asked to purchase gift cards at a local retail store in order to make the payment. This scam has been happening around the country, including in our neighboring states.

Please be advised that the MS Board of Psychology will never contact psychologists by phone to inform them of investigations and the MSBOP will also not call to obtain payments over the phone. Notification of complaint investigations are made via certified mail. Psychologists have 30 days to respond to the complaint. In addition, after the psychologist responds to the complaint, recommendations are made to the Board and if there are fines then the psychologist will again be notified by certified U.S. mail.

If you receive a scam call, please notify the MSBOP at (601) 576-2577.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa B. Yazdani, Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lisa B. Yazdani, Ph.D., Chair
MS Board of Psychology