

Scammers are posing as the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, the Board's Executive Director, or Law Enforcement Officers.

Scam callers have the ability to program Caller ID to show as the MN Board of Dentistry along with the Board's legitimate phone number of 612-617-2250.

The Board has received reports of scammers calling or emailing posing as the Board's Executive Director, Valare Falkner, and programming caller ID to list Valare's phone number.

If you believe a caller could be the Board but are unsure, please take a name, hang up, and call the Board yourself. Do not use alternative phone numbers given by the caller in question. Legitimate board staff would gladly provide their name and allow you to call back through the main board phone number of 612-617-2250 and dial "0".

Common scams via phone, email, or mail include:

- Threats of discipline;
- Demands for payment;
- Letterhead to simulate health licensing boards, DEA, or other law enforcement;
- Emailed links which could contain a virus; and
- Attempts to collect confidential information such as prescribing numbers, social security numbers, birth dates, or credit card information. The Board would not contact you or your office staff to "verify or collect" confidential information.

If you see "MN Board of Dentistry" or "Valare Falkner" the Executive Director, showing as a missed call, legitimate Board staff would leave a message if your voicemail is accepting messages. Most correspondence from the Board is sent via email.

The Board would not ask for credit card information. Payments are only accepted online through a secure portal available on the Board's website, or via check mailed to the Board.

More information from the DEA can be found at: <https://www.dea.gov/scam-alert>

Thank you for protecting confidential information and not engaging with suspicious contacts.