



Creating Opportunities

Resource guide

Unemployment identity theft: What is it and what to do if you are a victim

The definition of unemployment identity theft

Unemployment identity theft is the fraudulent application for unemployment benefits using another person's personal information.

How to know if you've been a victim

If when filing for unemployment benefits you are informed that an application has already been filed.

You receive tax reporting Form 1099-G showing you received benefits you did not apply for.

What to do if you've been a victim

Report the fraud to your state unemployment agency and employer.

Go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) and report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission.

Don't respond to any calls or texts about returning mistaken unemployment benefits.

Ways to protect yourself from unemployment identity theft

Never provide personal or financial information to anyone who contacts you by phone, email, mail or text unless you are absolutely certain they are legitimate. In addition, check your credit report often.