



Stop Identity Theft-Related Unemployment Fraud

Identity theft is on the rise nationwide. Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud related to the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program has been a primary target with potential costs to taxpayers estimated at between 8 and 26 billion dollars.

Take action now to protect your identity and prevent UI Fraud from impacting you or your family.

What can I do now to help safeguard my identity as it relates to UI Fraud?

- **Be aware.** The KDOL will not communicate with individuals through email or text. If you receive unemployment communication through email or text, please act immediately by reporting it at www.ReportFraud.ks.gov.
- **Pay attention** to your mail and any alerts your employer may communicate for signs a fraudulent claim might have been filed on your behalf or to further protect and prevent identity theft.
- **Consider** enrolling in an identify protection/monitoring service. These can monitor your credit and will also assist in the event that your identity is compromised.

How do I know if my identity has been compromised?

- **You** may receive a notice of an unemployment claim (that you did not file) in the mail.
- **You** may receive a credit alert from a monitoring service (if you have one).
- **Your employer** receives a notification that an unemployment claim has been received for you (even though you are still working/not eligible).

What do I do if my identity has been compromised?

ReportFraud.ks.gov provides one-stop shop for victims of identity theft.

- Victims may file a police report and receive a case number
- **Request a “fraud alert”** on your credit report
- Contact your **financial institutions** and **credit card companies**. Follow their advice regarding actions that may be needed with your account(s).
- Notify the **Internal Revenue Service’s** fraud hotline at 1-800-908-4490.
- Request a copy of your **Wage and Income Transcript** from the IRS.
- Report identity theft with the **Federal Trade Commission**: www.FTC.gov
- Create account with **Social Security Administration**: www.SSA.gov and check Earnings Record for suspicious activity. You can also [order a copy of your Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement](#) (PEBES) in order to check the accuracy of your work history on file with the SSA.
- Notify all three major **credit reporting bureaus** →

** Reporting an instance of identity theft to KDOL is **not a replacement** for taking additional steps to protect your personal information.

Equifax

Consumer Fraud Division
800-525-6285
www.equifax.com

TransUnion

Fraud Victim Assist. Dept.
800-680-7289
www.transunion.com

Experian

National Consumer Assist
888-397-3742
www.experian.com