

## Fraudulent Unemployment Claims (Claimant/Employee)

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### Unemployment Benefits

You can find detailed information on how to report Claimant Fraud at our website, [www.uc.pa.gov](http://www.uc.pa.gov).

The following topics are covered as well as additional important information:

- How to return checks for benefits for which you did not apply
- How to return direct deposit for benefits for which you did not apply
- What to do if you receive a UC-Issued debit card for which you did not apply
- **How to report someone filing for benefits using your identity**
- How to report individuals receiving benefits illegally
- How to report unemployment tax fraud

#### **How to report someone filing for benefits using your identity.**

- Report Online
  - To report someone who has filed for UC benefits using your personal information such as your name, Social Security number, and date of birth without your knowledge or consent, please visit our website, [www.uc.pa.gov](http://www.uc.pa.gov) and click “Report Fraud” at the bottom of the page under “Additional Services” for more information. To complete and submit the Identity Theft Form, click on “File and Initial Claim” then “Apply for UC.” At the bottom of the next screen select “Report Fraud Here.” Do not log in. (<https://benefits.uc.pa.gov/vosnet/ReportFraud.aspx>)
  - To report identity fraud related to Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), click on this link, <https://www.dlsecureweb.pa.gov/FRTS/IdentityTheft.aspx>.

**You can also call the PA Fraud Hotline at 1-800—692-7469.**

#### **Additional steps you should consider:**

- File a police report with the municipality in which you resided at the time the unemployment benefits in question were paid. A copy of the police report must be provided to the Office of Unemployment Compensation. For your convenience, a copy of the police report can be uploaded in your Dashboard. For future reference, you should request the report number, and name and badge number of the assisting officer.
- If you are a victim of identity theft, please visit the Federal Trade Commission website to learn how to start a recovery plan. (<https://www.identitytheft.gov/>) The FTC can also be reached at 1-877-438-4338.
- If you are concerned that your personal information has been stolen and want to protect your identity when filing a federal tax return, you can request an Identity Protection Pin (IP PIN) from the IRS.

- An Identity Protection PIN is a six-digit number that prevents someone else from filing a tax return using a taxpayer's Social Security number. The IP PIN is known only to the taxpayer and the IRS, and this step helps the IRS verify the taxpayer's identity when they file their electronic or paper tax return.
- The US Department of Labor is recommending that victims of ID Theft should be reporting their information to the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF).  
(<https://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form>)
- Place a fraud alert on your credit reports and review your credit reports periodically to ensure no new fraudulent activity has occurred.
- Close the accounts that you know or believe have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
- Request your free credit reports and review them for other fraudulent activities.
- To find tips to prevent future identity theft, visit the PA Office of the Attorney General website.  
(<https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/protect-yourself/identity-theft/>)
- Any issues with Social Security fraud can be reported to the Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration at their website, <https://oig.ssa.gov/>, or by calling 1-800-269-0271.