

High numbers of fraudulent unemployment claims

There is a new scam going around where a bad actor will file an unemployment claim in Colorado using a legitimate employee's personal information. The claim gets paid out before the employer or employee is made aware. Often, the employee and/or employer realize this occurs only after the claim is paid or will find out when they file taxes next year and the income is reported by the IRS.

What to do about it

Be watchful of the signs that a fraudulent claim has been filed.

- Paperwork received in the mail from the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment (CDLE) or other state entities.
- Receipt of bankcards or visa cards such as a U.S. Bank ReliaCard (may be mistaken as a stimulus payment).
- Be cautious if someone representing a business requests personally identifiable information (PII) such as your social security number, bank account information, passwords, place of employment, etc.

If you're a victim of fraud:

1. File a police report that has jurisdiction over your residential area.
2. Submit a fraud report by clicking on this link: [REPORT FRUAD](#) and providing whatever information you have on the bad actor (**not your PII information**).
3. For information on how to complete this form, [click here](#).
4. If you receive a bankcard, deactivate it and contact the issuing bank.
5. Contact all the three (3) major credit bureaus and inform them of the possible/real fraud.
 - a. **Equifax: 1-800-525-6285**
 - b. **Experian: 1-888-397-3742**
 - c. **TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289**
6. Report the fraud to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by [clicking here](#).
7. Keep track of all of your documentation regarding this claim for future reference.