

Fraud Alert

Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Labor



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD ALERT

This is a Fraud Alert from the Office of Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Fraudsters are perpetrating numerous schemes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In one scheme, scammers have offered to help individuals file claims for unemployment benefits. The scammers then ask for personal information including social security numbers and dates of birth. The scammers may ask you to provide payment, or your credit card information, in assisting you in filing or qualifying for your unemployment benefits. You do not need to pay anyone to file or qualify for your benefits.

Unsolicited calls, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits are several ways that individuals have been targeted.

Be aware that your personal information may be used fraudulently without your permission.

Victims of these scams face potential harm. The personal information the scammers collect may be used to commit identity theft to file fraudulent unemployment insurance claims.

If you would like to report an allegation of fraud involving unemployment insurance or other U.S. Department of Labor activities or programs, please contact the OIG Hotline at: <https://www.oig.dol.gov/hotline.htm> or 202-693-6999 or 1-800-347-3756.