

How to report unemployment fraud in Nevada

If you believe you have been a victim of unemployment fraud, go to <u>detr.nv.gov</u> and select the Fraud Reporting Form on the left under "Quick links."

Once a report is filed with the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), nothing else is required by the reporting party. DETR will flag the account so payments are not issued. If needed, the Department may reach out for additional information.

For employers who receive a fraudulent unemployment compensation claim:

- 1. Go to <u>detr.nv.gov</u> and select the Fraud Reporting Form on the left under "Quick links." DETR will make a note in both the employee claim and in the employer's record. No changes will be made to the employer's account. Filers are asked to identify which program they are reporting on traditional UI, PUA, or both. If needed, the Department may reach out for additional information.
- 2. If you receive notice of a fraudulent filing on behalf of someone still employed or who does not work for you, please return your employer verification letter response to the address indicated as soon as possible, write "FRAUD" in big letters across the form indicating that the claim is fraudulent. Sign and date the letter. Include a separate letter on company letterhead with any details of the fraud. Employers registered with UInv should regularly review their online account for benefit filings to verify accuracy of separated employees. If you note a filing that you believe is fraudulent, you may respond through varied channels:
 - electronically through the employer portal, if you are connected to our <u>State Information</u> <u>Data Exchange System (SIDES)</u> system;
 - by faxing in your signed and dated verification letter response indicating that the filing is potentially fraudulent to (775) 684-0338 or (702) 486-7987; or
 - by mailing back the verification letter response to either of the mailing addresses indicated on your letter
- 3. File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), at www.ic3.gov on the employee's behalf.
- 4. Notify and provide copies of all reports to the employee and inform them what has been reported. Keep a file with the information and timeline.
- 5. Provide the below information to the employee.

For individuals who have a fraudulent unemployment compensation claim filed in their name:

1. Go to <u>detr.nv.gov</u> and select the Fraud Reporting Form on the left under "Quick links." Once a report is filed, nothing else is required by the reporting party. DETR will flag the account so payments are not issued. If you have an employer (as opposed to being an independent contractor or "gig worker" receiving PUA payments), it will be noted in your employer's file as well. Filers

are asked to identify which program they are reporting on - traditional UI, PUA, or both. If needed, the Department may reach out for additional information. Additionally, individuals may:

- 2. File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), at www.ic3.gov.
- 3. File an Identity Theft or Personal Identifiable Information Complaint with local law enforcement alleging that your personal information has been compromised and used to file an unemployment compensation claim. As part of this process, your driver's license or state ID and your Social Security card should be verified.
- 4. File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at https://www.identitytheft.gov/. Click "Get Started." Select "I want to report identity theft." Select "Government Benefits or IDs." The FTC also provides resources for victims of identity theft at: https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1
- 5. File a complaint with the Social Security Administration (SSA), Office of the Inspector General at https://oig.ssa.gov/. Click "Submit a Report" under "Report Other Social Security Fraud, Waste, and Abuse." You can also call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at (800) 269-0271.
- 6. Check your credit report for any anomalies. Until April 2021, each credit reporting agency is offering a free credit report once every 7 days. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com and follow the directions provided to request your free credit report from Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.
- 7. Do not give out or verify your personal information (e.g., date of birth and social security number) over the phone. If someone contacts you asking about your personal information and you are unsure whether it is legitimate, hang up, verify the company's true phone number and contact the company directly.
- 8. Optional: Consider placing a fraud alert with one of the three credit reporting agencies: Experian, TransUnion or Equifax. The fraud alert is free and this only needs to be done once. The fraud alert remains on the account for 1 year. You can find contact information for the three credit reporting agencies by visiting the following IRS page https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/employment-related-identity-theft, and scroll down to the bottom of the page, "Steps you should take...". Please note that this may make it harder to legitimately apply for credit during this period.