

Stop Identity Theft-Related Unemployment Fraud

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The Nationwide Fraud Issue: At A Glance

- **Identity Theft is on the rise nationwide, not just in Kansas.**
- **KDOL has stopped 100,000 fraudulent claims to date.**
- **According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General, UI fraud could cost taxpayers between \$8-26 Billion.**
- **This is primarily impacting the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program.**

Fraud Mitigation

- **Coordinating IT resources with other agencies to improve overall security effort and environment**
- **More than doubled the size of the KDOL Fraud & Special Investigation Unit**
- **Put in place a 72-hour hold on all new PUA applications to allow for a validity check to be completed**
- **KDOL Legal is conducting review of existing laws in order to improve mitigation efforts**
- **Deployed specialized technologies to target and block abusive internet activity**
- **Working with federal and state partners on emerging trends and best practices**
- **Working with federal and state partners to prosecute fraudulent activity**
- **Launched www.ReportFraud.ks.gov**
- **Developed a messaging campaign for the general public and businesses about identity theft and unemployment insurance fraud**

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

- ✓ **Victims able to file police report and receive case number**
- ✓ **System generates tips to protect identity and mitigate potential damage from theft**
- ✓ **System automatically flags suspected claim so KDOL can stop payment**

Report Fraud Website

Kansas Department of Labor

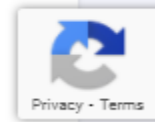


If you suspect someone has committed unemployment fraud, which includes filing claims using you or your employees' name and personal information, please fill out the form below.

Submission Form

Required Inputs

* Phone or Email must have a value



Report Fraud Website

Email

Zip *

Do you believe that this is a case of identify theft? *

Yes No

Please provide any additional information you have. *

Examples of helpful additional information to include:

- Did you receive letter(s) for UI benefits you didn't request?
- If received letter (s), include claimant information on letter

Do you know who is committing the fraud? *

Yes No

Submit

Reset

Identity Theft Protection and Prevention

If you experience identity theft, here are a few key steps you can take to protect yourself (more information available on our website):

- ✓ **Report identity theft: www.ReportFraud.ks.gov**
- ✓ **Notify all three major credit reporting bureaus**
- ✓ **Request a “fraud alert” on your credit report**
- ✓ **Contact your financial institutions.**
- ✓ **Create account with Social Security Administration: www.SSA.gov and check Earnings Record for suspicious activity.**
- ✓ **Notify 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**

Raising Awareness Together

- **Please share: www.ReportFraud.ks.gov**
- **KDOL Fraud Mitigation Campaign is Live**
- **PSA's available (soon) in English and Spanish**

Raising Awareness Together

- **The fraudulent activity is primarily focused on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance(PUA) program**
- **KDOL not seeing other programs targeted in same way**
- **Fighting fraudsters is an ongoing battle**

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“Together, we can prevent identity theft!”

Questions?