

What Is Unemployment Insurance Fraud?



If you think you may have committed UI fraud, let us help you to address the issue.

Don't delay – ask your UI representative for help today.

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Did you know? If you knowingly collect benefits based on false or inaccurate information that you intentionally provided when you filed your claim, you are committing fraud. Unemployment Insurance fraud is punishable by law and violators could face a number of serious penalties and consequences.

Examples of UI fraud could include:

- An individual returns to work but continues to collect UI benefits.
- An individual works a part-time job but does not report his or her earnings to the state, thereby collecting more benefits than he or she is allowed.
- An individual performs temporary work while collecting UI benefits, but does not report the earnings when filing his or her weekly claim.
- An individual holds back information or gives false information to the state UI agency.

If you commit UI fraud, you could face a variety of serious penalties. These include:

- Prosecution by government authorities
- Possible jail or prison sentences
- Repaying the UI benefits collected, plus penalties and fines
- Forfeiting future income tax refunds
- Losing the eligibility to collect UI benefits in the future

Anyone who collects Unemployment Insurance benefits is legally responsible for making sure he or she follows the requirements set by state law. Failure to follow the rules can result in serious consequences that will impact you and your family.