

New York Members

UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD ALERT

Numerous municipal employees employed by towns and villages have been subject to fraud with unlawful filing of unemployment claims never requested by the individual.

The debit cards issued by unemployment are re-directed to those perpetrating these crimes.

Please see the attached information.

Resources

New York State Department of Labor

If a family member or friend suspect they are a victim of unemployment insurance fraud, they can report it to the New York State Department of Labor at: <https://labor.ny.gov/secure/fraud/report-fraud.shtm> or by calling NYS Fraud Hotline: (1-888) 598-2077

Other actions to consider for those who may have been subject to identity theft and or misuse of their Social Security number:

- Change passwords on critical accounts such as banking and financial planning, etc.
- Monitor your credit and any applications for new credit card and other credit applications in your name. Consider suspending any new credit applications in your name.
- Consider getting a credit monitoring service.
- Consider notifying the IRS in case a falsified Tax Return is filed in your name.

Other government resources for making notifications, FBI reporting, and free credit checks:

- <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx> to file a report with FBI internet crime.
- <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10064.pdf> Social Security Administration guide on what to do if you SS Number is compromised.
- <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action> federally authorized for free credit reports.
- <https://www.ssa.gov/> to open a Social Security online account to review any earnings posted to your record.