



West Dundee Police Department
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Department of Labor



Fraud Alert

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD ALERT

The West Dundee Police Department has partnered with the Office of Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Labor to investigate these fraudulent crimes.

The West Dundee Police Department has taken numerous reports of identity theft, in which fraudulent unemployment claims have been made on behalf of innocent victims who live in our Community. In most of these cases, victims became aware of the fraud when they received correspondence from the Illinois Department of Employment Security. In other cases the victims became aware when their employers notified them of the fraudulent claim.

The Office of the Inspector General has reported that in some cases, offenders 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 the victim to provide payment, or for their credit card information, for assisting them in filing or qualifying for their unemployment benefits. Be aware that no one needs to pay anyone to file or qualify for unemployment benefits. Unsolicited calls, social media platforms, and door-to-door visits are other ways that victims have been targeted. **Be aware that by providing your personal information, it may be used fraudulently without your permission.**

Although no financial loss may be immediately apparent, if not reported, victims may suffer financial impacts of this fraud when filing their State of Illinois income tax. If you reside in West Dundee and think you may have been the victim of this or a similar fraud scheme related to unemployment benefits please take the following steps:

- Call the West Dundee Police Department by contacting the Quad Com Dispatch center at 847-428-8784 to file a police report
- Visit the following websites to file an Illinois Department of Employment Security complaint:
https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Reporting_Unemployment_Insurance_Fraud.aspx
<https://www2.illinois.gov/ides/Pages/Report-Identity-Theft.aspx>
- Contact the OIG Hotline at: <https://www.oig.dol.gov/hotline.htm> or 202-693-6999 or 1-800-347-3756.