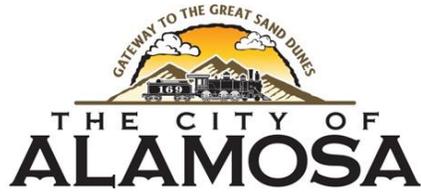


Unemployment Fraud

The Alamosa Police Department has received reports of fraudulent activities. Extra precautions are being recommended. So far, these reports have noted the reporting party/victim's name was used to file for unemployment benefits.

If you discover you're a victim of these recent frauds, we are requesting you report these criminal activities to local law enforcement and follow the following steps:

1. If you received a U.S. Bank Reliacard for Colorado unemployment benefits but did not file a claim, fill out the [U.S Bank Form](#) or contact U.S. Bank immediately at **1-855-279-1678**. Tell them that a fraudulent unemployment claim was filed using your information, and ask them to deactivate the card. (Source, <https://cdle.colorado.gov/fraud-prevention>)
2. Contact the three consumer credit bureaus and put a fraud and identity theft alert on your name and Social Security number (SSN). It may be an automated system, so you may not talk to a live person and you will have to enter your SSN and date of birth.
3. Immediately report this to the Department of Labor at <https://cdle.colorado.gov/fraud-prevention>.
4. File a police report with your local police department. Get a copy of the report to provide to creditors and credit agencies.
5. Change passwords on your email, banking and other personal accounts.
6. Make a list of credit card companies, banks and other financial institutions where you do business. Tell them you are a victim of identity theft, and ask them to put a fraud alert on your account.
7. Get a copy of your credit report and dispute any fraudulent activity. You can request credit reports online from the three major credit reporting agencies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) by calling 877-322-8228 or visiting www.annualcreditreport.com.
8. Contact all three of the major reporting agencies to freeze your credit reports:
Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 or www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services
Experian: 1-888-397-3742 or www.experian.com/freeze/center.html
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289 or www.transunion.com/credit-freeze
9. Place a fraud alert on your credit file. You can do this by contacting just one of the credit agencies to add an alert with all three agencies.



10. Take notes about all conversations and keep copies of all records.

Finally, never give your information over the phone or email when you receive unsolicited calls or emails.

To prevent these illegal actions citizens are encouraged to report suspected criminal activities to local law enforcement or through Crime Stoppers at 719-589-4111.