

# UNDERSTANDING UI FRAUD

## What is UI Fraud?

Unemployment Insurance (UI) fraud occurs when someone knowingly provides false information, or withholds facts, to obtain UI benefits for which they are not eligible.

## Examples of Unemployment Insurance Fraud

- Providing false information or withholding information when applying for UI benefits
- Deliberately reporting incorrect or zero wages
- Failing to report ALL gross earnings during the week in which they are earned while claiming UI benefits
- Saying you are able and available to work, or actively looking for work, when you're not
- Reporting you are available for full-time work when you are incarcerated without work release
- Filing a claim under another person's name, Social Security number, or employment information without their knowledge or consent

## Consequences of UI Fraud

*UI fraud is a serious offense that carries some serious penalties.*



For example:

- You will be required to repay any UI benefit payments you have received, along with interest and other mandatory penalties.
- You may NOT be able to collect UI benefits until the UI benefit amount reduction is satisfied and the debt is repaid. Your state and federal income tax refunds may be taken to pay back your debt.
- The state may pursue prosecution and, in some cases, could result in jail time.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP IN STOPPING UI FRAUD!



If you know or suspect someone is committing UI fraud, please contact us!



Submit online using our web form:  
[dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/fraud/report.htm](https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/ui/fraud/report.htm)



Call the UI Fraud Hotline at:  
(800) 909-9472 M-F 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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