

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

notice

KDOL CONFIRMS UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD REPORTING DURING COVID-19

The Kansas Department of Labor has confirmed standard Unemployment Fraud reporting guidelines will be enforced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unemployment fraud: the willful misrepresentation of information by an individual for purposes of collecting UI benefits; anyone who collects UI while knowingly doing something making them ineligible.

Fraud occurs when a claimant receives benefits:

- while refusing suitable work and failing to report this
- while working and not reporting (correct) earnings
- operating their own business
- knowingly misrepresenting they're able and available for work

The penalty for unemployment fraud is disqualification from receiving any unemployment benefits for five years plus a 25% penalty on subsequent payments; you are required to repay any benefits you receive that you are not entitled to. All allegations of fraud are investigated, and anyone can report suspected fraudulent activity by:

- The [printable](#) or [electronic form](#)
- The [Job Refusal Statement - Employer](#)
- **Email:** KDOL.Fraud@ks.gov
- **Phone:** 785.581.7300
- **Fax:** 785.296.5779
- **Mail:** UI Fraud Investigations Unit, Kansas Department of Labor
401 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66603-3182

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