

# UNDERSTANDING 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
- Saying you are able and available to work, or actively looking for work, when you're not
- Failing to report ALL gross earnings during the week in which they are earned while claiming UI benefits
- Filing a claim under another person's name, Social Security number, or employment information without their knowledge or consent
- Filing a claim for someone who is incarcerated

*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 additional UI benefits until the UI 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.

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



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Call the UI Fraud Hotline at:  
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For more information about  
UI  
fraud visit [DWS.Arkansas.gov](https://www.dws.arkansas.gov).



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