

## ID THEFT VICTIM INFORMATION

## If You Know or Suspect Your Identity Was Stolen:

If you did not file an unemployment claim but were notified that one has been opened in your name, you may be a victim of identity theft. Contact the Vermont Department of Labor's UI Fraud Team by email at <a href="mailto:labor.uifraud@vermont.gov">labor.uifraud@vermont.gov</a>, online at <a href="mailto:labor.vermont.gov/ui-fraud">labor.vermont.gov/ui-fraud</a>, or at (802) 828-4104 to report that you did not file the claim and consider taking the following recommended steps:

- Close any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.
- File a report with local police.
- Obtain a free copy of your credit report to review it for suspicious activity at <a href="https://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>.
- Place a free fraud alert on your credit:
  - o Experian: https://www.experian.com/help/ or call 888-397-3742
  - o Transunion: <a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-help">https://www.transunion.com/credit-help</a> or call 888-909-8842
  - o **Equifax:** <a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/</a> or call 800-685-1111
- Report identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which has a wealth of
  information for identity theft victims, including assistance with a recovery plan. Go to
  <a href="https://www.identitytheft.gov/">https://www.identitytheft.gov/</a> or call 877-438-4338 to learn more.
- If you suspect that someone is using your SSN for work purposes, you should contact the Social Security Administration at 800-772-1213 to report the problem. They will review your earnings with you to ensure they are correct. You can also review earnings posted to your social security statement <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement">www.socialsecurity.gov/mystatement</a> for workers 18 and older.

## If You Are Concerned about Tax Fraud:

Let the IRS know you are a victim of identity theft at <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/how-irs-id-theft-victim-assistance-works">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/how-irs-id-theft-victim-assistance-works</a>. Fill out the IRS Identity Theft Affidavit (FORM 14039).

Contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-2865.