



U.S. Department of Justice National Unemployment Insurance Fraud Task Force

Fraudulent Website Phishing Scheme

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The Department of Justice’s National Unemployment Insurance Fraud Task Force (NUIFTF) is issuing this alert to warn state workforce agencies (SWAs) of a recent cyber threat involving bad actors who use fraudulent websites to mimic official SWA websites. See below and attached for an example of this type of phishing scheme. The goal of this phishing attack is to lure unwitting unemployment insurance (UI) applicants to the fraudulent website to capture their personally identifiable information and other sensitive data.

Recently, this type of attack targeted the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, originating from the following GoDaddy-registered domains:

Commerceachiever.com	https://commerceachiever.com/Minnesota/Login.htm
Digiprotools.com	https://digiprotools.com/Minnesota/Login.htm
Westchesterchilicookoff.com	https://westchesterchilicookoff.com/Minnesota/Login.htm

Law enforcement officials are investigating this scheme and others. SWAs must remain vigilant and report mimic or phishing sites to DOL-OIG to facilitate a coordinated law enforcement response. SWAs are highly encouraged to notify DOL-OIG when they become aware of a phishing or other fraudulent scheme. SWAs should provide information to DOL-OIG, or refer potential victims to the contact numbers listed below.

Individuals with information about this scheme or other UI fraud should call (202) 693-6999 or (800) 347-3756, or go to <https://www.oig.dol.gov/hotline.htm>.

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New Applicants
Apply for unemployment benefits and create an account
*Social Security Number (no dashes)
If you enter your Social Security Number incorrectly your identity cannot be authenticated, and benefits will be denied indefinitely.

Existing Applicants
Log in to your account
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*Password

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