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Important Information for Victims of Unemployment Insurance Fraud

Failure to Properly Report Fraudulent UI Claims May Result in Issuance of 1099-G

LITTLE ROCK- Jan. 20, 2021—The Division of Workforce Services will begin mailing 1099 forms to unemployment insurance claimants on January 29, 2021. Individuals who receive a 1099 form from DWS, who did not file for unemployment insurance in the 2020 tax year, could be victims of fraud.

If you receive a 1099 form but you did not file for unemployment insurance, you should report the potential fraud to DWS immediately and file a police report. Once you have filed a police report, you will need to submit a copy of the police report to DWS.

To report potential fraud to DWS, send an email to ADWS.InternalAudit@arkansas.gov or call 501-682-1058 to speak with the DWS Fraud Investigation Unit. In order to fully resolve the allegation, you must file a police report for possible identity theft and submit a copy of your police report to DWS. You may submit a copy of your police report electronically by emailing ADWS.InternalAudit@arkansas.gov or in-person at your nearest Arkansas Workforce Center (find a location at www.dws.arkansas.gov/contact.)

Claims cannot be fully resolved without the information requested. Failure to resolve the issue may result in the issuance of an IRS 1099-G for any benefits paid.

If you have already submitted a copy of your police report to DWS, no further action is necessary.

Some individuals that have already submitted their police reports may still initially receive a 1099 when they are issued. However, once the police report is fully processed, DWS will issue a corrected 1099 reflecting zero unemployment compensation.

Please email ADWS.InternalAudit@arkansas.gov or call 501-682-1058 to speak with the DWS Fraud Investigation Unit.

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About the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services:

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services is a division of the Arkansas Department of Commerce. ADWS administers Arkansas' Unemployment Insurance program and facilitates employer compliance with the Arkansas Employment Security Law, collects unemployment insurance contributions from employers, provides unemployment insurance benefits to those eligible, and maintains management information systems for filing unemployment insurance claims and fraud detection.



About the Arkansas Department of Commerce:

The Arkansas Department of Commerce is the umbrella department for workforce and economic development drivers. Its divisions and regulatory boards include Division of Aeronautics, Waterways Commission, Wine Producers Council, Division of Workforce Services, Office of Skills Development, State Bank Department, Insurance Department, Securities Department, Economic Development Commission and Development Finance Authority. It was established July 2019 as part of Governor Asa Hutchinson's wide-sweeping efficiency and transformation efforts to reduce 42 cabinet agencies to 15 while maintaining services for all Arkansans.