

Unemployment Fraud Information

Many organizations, including colleges and universities, are experiencing an increase in fraudulent unemployment claims. Please be aware of your private information and take care in protecting things like passwords, account numbers, social security numbers and the like.

If Furman receives requests for information that it believes to be a result of a fraudulent claim, we contact the employee to inquire if he or she filed a claim. If the employee states that he or she did not file a claim, we note on our employer reply to the respective state unemployment office that the employee is employed and the claim is believed to be fraudulent. If you receive a notification sent to your home stating you are eligible for unemployment claims and/or are being processed for such, please contact the Furman HR office as soon as possible at 294-2217 or humanresources@furman.edu.

If you have been contacted by our office regarding a possible fraudulent unemployment claim, there are other steps that you may take to protect your private information:

- Contact the Office for Unemployment Insurance Fraud Department at <https://dew.sc.gov/tools-resources/report-ui-fraud> or 866-831-1724. Additionally, for residents of Georgia, North Carolina, or Tennessee, please contact the respective unemployment offices:
 - Georgia Department of Labor at <https://www.dol.state.ga.us/public/uiben/fraud/reportType> or 404-232-3440
 - North Carolina Department of Commerce – Employment Security at <https://des.nc.gov/need-help/unemployment-insurance-fraud> or 984-465-9224
 - Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development at <https://www.tn.gov/workforce/unemployment/unemployment-records-redirect/report-ui-fraud.html> or 615-206-3116
- Check your credit report at <https://www.annualcreditreport.com/> to see if there are accounts or information that you do not recognize.
- Place a fraud alert with one of the three credit bureaus to help prevent someone from opening accounts in your name:
 - Equifax – www.equifax.com or 800-525-6285
 - Experian – www.experian.com or 888-397-3742
 - Transunion – www.transunion.com or 800-680-7289.
- Report your identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://identitytheft.gov/>.
- File a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at <https://www.ic3.gov/>.
- File a police report with local law enforcement.