



The university has become aware of a recent nation-wide trend of fraudulent unemployment claims being filed using people's personal identifying information. There have been a few reported incidents of fraudulent claims that have been filed using CWRU employees' names.

If you receive any communication from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) (or from the state unemployment insurance agency in which you work) regarding an unemployment claim in your name, but you have not filed a claim this is evidence of fraud. This is also considered a form of identity theft.

For example, such communication could be a Request for Separation Information or a Notice of Account Personal Identification Number (PIN) on the agency form.

If you believe you are the victim of this fraud, please follow these steps:

1. File a report of the incident to <https://identitytheft.gov/> which is managed by the Federal Trade Commission.
2. Contact your local police department and file a report (when possible).
3. Report the incident to the state in which the fraudulent claim was filed. In Ohio, that applicable link is: http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/BPC_Efforts.stm.
Or call 800/686-1555, option 1
4. If you live outside the state of Ohio, please contact Karma Topor, Director, Human Resources at karma.topor@case.edu or 216-368-4445 for information on responding to suspected fraud in your particular state.
5. You may want to apply for a credit freeze. The three credit bureaus are Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion.
6. Consider signing up for credit monitoring service.
7. Contact financial institutions and others who have your personally identifiable information.
8. Contact a financial advisor for advice.