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CLIENT ALERT – UI Fraud

Dear Clients and Friends:

We have received a number of reports of unemployment insurance claims being filed in the name of employees (or business owners) who have not claimed unemployment. Typically, a separate account is set up where the money is delivered and immediately withdrawn.

It is very important that you review all claims for unemployment insurance, even if you do not typically contest unemployment claims.

If you find fraud, you may report it here:

WHERE TO REPORT FRAUD?

New York	https://webapps.labor.ny.gov/dews/ui/fraud/report-fraud.shtm
New York	https://dol.ny.gov/report-fraud
New York and Other States	https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/UIIDtheft

Because some of the benefits are federal benefits, you may also call the local FBI office, however, they are likely to direct you to the state reporting line.

Not all affected employees will experience identity theft beyond the claim of unemployment insurance benefits; however, it is wise to advise all employees who may be a victim of identity theft about resources available to them.

Reporting identity theft and for helpful information about identity theft	https://www.identitytheft.gov/know-your-rights
What to watch for when monitoring for identity theft	https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0271-warning-signs-identity-theft

You may also wish to offer employees to options such as Life Lock or ID Shield, which can assist (for a fee) with identity theft resolution.

Life Lock	https://www.lifelock.com/learn-identity-theft-resources-do-these-things-immediately-if-your-identity-has-been-stolen.html
ID Shield	https://www.idshield.com/faq

Contact Your HH&K Attorney for Legal Guidance

This information is not legal advice and may not be suitable for all client situations. This Client Alert provides general information regarding the UI Fraud and does not outline all of the important considerations related thereto.

This Client Alert is not a substitute for legal guidance regarding program details and how those may be applicable to your business. As always, if we can be of assistance during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact your HH&K attorney.



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