

What to expect after you have reported unemployment benefits fraud

You will receive:

1. An automatic reply when you submit the [Fraud reporting form](#).
2. An email from us with details about what to do next if you cannot access your account or apply for benefits. The email also will include a message from Commissioner Suzi LeVine.

You do not owe the ESD any money as a result of the fraudulent claim

You might have received a letter from the Employment Security Department (ESD) stating that you must repay benefits (called an overpayment) that the ESD paid on the fraudulent claim in your name. You can ignore that letter! The ESD computer system automatically generates the letter when denying an unemployment application.

For more information on unemployment benefits fraud please visit <https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/unemployment-benefits-fraud>

If you applied for unemployment and received unemployment benefits but the claim was later denied, you may be required repay the benefits you received

Overpayments of unemployment benefits occur when claimants are paid benefits that are later denied. If the denial includes deductions for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or child support, you must repay the benefits you received plus the amount deducted. If you receive more benefits than you are entitled to, the ESD will send you a decision with an Overpayment Assessment, which will say how much you owe. If you have questions regarding why you were overpaid, please contact the Claim Center at 1-833-572-8400.

For more information on unemployment overpayments please visit <https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/overpayments#:~:text=Unemployment%20overpayments&text=If%20you%20receive%20more%20benefits,%2D833%2D572%2D8400.>