

# How Can You Protect Yourself From Becoming a Victim?



1. When a person files a claim for Reemployment Assistance, they will receive a Monetary Determination. Reviewing this form may be the best way to stop a fraudulent claim from being processed. The monetary determination will provide information about whether or not the person is entitled to receive benefits, when the claim was filed, and information about wages. If you receive a monetary determination and you have not applied for Reemployment Assistance Benefits, or the name on the form is not yours, you may be a victim of identity theft. If this happens, contact Reemployment Assistance immediately. Reporting an incorrect Monetary Determination may be the best way to stop a fraudulent claim from being paid.
2. Guard your Social Security number. Give out the number only when absolutely necessary, and don't carry your Social Security card with you.
3. Don't respond to unsolicited requests for personal information (name, birthdate, social security number or bank account number) by phone, mail, or online.
4. Shred receipts, credit offers, account statements and expired cards, to prevent "dumpster divers" from getting your personal information.
5. Review your credit report at least once a year to be certain that it doesn't include accounts that you have not opened. Check it more frequently if you suspect someone has gained access to your account information.