



The Town of Clinton
HUMAN RESOURCES

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Dear Town of Clinton Employees:

We are contacting all of the town employees to remind you that there have been some Massachusetts unemployment insurance claims submitted on behalf of active employees. These fraudsters are somehow applying for this assistance using active employee's names. We believe these are fraudulent claims. The Town of Clinton and many other communities have received similar fraudulent claims. We have recently participated in a webinar in which we learned that these fraud claims have been nationwide and effected private companies as well as schools and municipalities.

We have so far alerted many employees about such claims. If you receive notification by mail of something like this from the unemployment office, could you please contact us directly?

We have been working diligently with our unemployment insurance consultant UTMC and the Department of Unemployment Assistance (DUA) to rectify the situation. The Department of Unemployment Assistance has told us that it is helpful to them if both the employer and employee reports the fraudulent claim.

If you receive this type of notice and want to respond on your end we suggest that you report it using the link below We do not have any information regarding how your information was obtained, it has been a major ongoing issue in the state for months now, especially since the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic.

<https://www.mass.gov/forms/unemployment-fraud-reporting-form>

We also want our employees to be aware of receiving at home any suspicious looking debit cards as sometimes the DUA issue unemployment payments with state issued debit cards. If you do receive one of these debit cards do not use it and report it to us.

There is also the possibility that you might receive from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a 1099 or 1099G form in January or February. The 1099/1099G is similar to a W-4 form stipulating how much you have earned from that source during the year. If you receive a 1099/1099G please report it to us promptly. DUA has told us they can send you a corrected 1099/1099G if they know of the discrepancy.

We hope things don't come to that. Thank you for your patience. We are working to promptly resolve all the known fraudulent.

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