

Incorrect 1099-G Due to Fraud

- Some individuals may have received a 1099-G form in the mail claiming they received unemployment benefits in calendar year 2021 when in fact those individuals did not receive any unemployment benefits.
- Because the 1099-G tax forms are automatically generated for all claimants receiving unemployment compensation payments, the receipt of a 1099-G form by a person who didn't file for unemployment likely indicates a case of identity fraud. In fact, receiving this tax form may be the only indication some District residents have that they are a victim of identity theft and fraud.
- The Department of Employment Services (DOES) will reach out directly to those that have flagged that they have received a 1099-G from DOES in error.

What Should Someone Do Who Received a 1099 Form and Did Not Receive Unemployment Benefits?

- If this applies to any of your constituents, they should call DOES at 877-FRAUD-60.
- After they call, DOES will flag the fraudulent unemployment claim for investigation and notify the IRS of any necessary changes to the 1099-G form.
- **The IRS has indicated that victims of unemployment fraud should file their taxes and report real income – in other words, once victims report the fraud, they should ignore the 1099-G if they did not receive unemployment payments.**

Disputing 1099-Gs for Reasons Not Related to Fraud

- Claimants of all unemployment programs offered during 2021 who received payments from DOES, including the \$1200 Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Stimulus payment or the \$500 Delayed Unemployment Compensation payment, should have received a 1099-G tax form detailing their benefit payments. This form is viewable in their [claimant portal here](#). Additionally, a copy was mailed by the end of January to all claimants.
- Any claimants who want to dispute the listed amounts in their 1099-G are reminded to factor in all unemployment payments, including any Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) or Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) payments processed by reviewing all payments made in their [claimant portal](#).
- Claimants who have questions or concerns about the amount shown on their 1099-G form can contact DOES during normal business hours 8:30am - 5:00pm. Local callers may contact us at 202-724-7000. Long distance callers may contact us at 1-877-319-7346.