

SUSPECTED BENEFIT FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT INFORMATION AND REPORTING

If you think someone has stolen your information to get benefits, you should report this to the agency or department where your stolen information was used right away.

Unemployment Benefits: If someone applied for unemployment benefits under your name, you can file a report online at askedd.edd.ca.gov or call the Employment Development Department (EDD) Fraud Hotline at **1-800-229-6297**.

Social Security Benefits: If someone applied for Social Security Income benefits under your name, you can file a report online at oig.ssa.gov.

Medi-Cal, CalWORKs or CalFresh: If someone applied for Medi-Cal, CalWORKs or CalFresh under your name, you should report this to Butte County at **1-877-410-8803**.

If you think you are a victim of identity theft, you can take steps to protect yourself.

- **Get a free copy of your credit report** at annualcreditreport.com and report errors to the major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion).
- **Contact your creditors** and let them know someone may have stolen your information.
- **File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).** You can file a complaint with the FTC and get an individual recovery plan at identitytheft.gov
- **File a report with local police** or law enforcement.
- **Get legal help.** Your local legal aid may be able to help you with problems related to identity theft. The County may be able to give you information on local legal aid organizations.
- **Get more information** about your rights at oag.ca.gov/idtheft