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### What is Reemployment Assistance (RA) Fraud?

A claimant who gives false statements to or hides relevant information from the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in order to obtain benefits may be charged with a third-degree felony.

### Examples of RA Fraud

- Making false statements that may alter or increase benefits
- Withholding information that may alter or increase benefits
- Failing to report work in order to obtain or increase benefits

### Possible Penalties

- Required to repay the overpayment plus a 15% penalty
- Disqualified from receiving future benefits for up to a year
- May be prosecuted for a charge of grand theft or a misdemeanor, which could result in jail time

### How to Avoid Committing RA Fraud

- Accurately report the reason you are unemployed
- Actively search for work
- Report any wages you have earned even if you have not actually been paid for the work
- Report when you are not able or available to seek or accept work
- Report all job refusals

Don't risk losing your benefits because you do not know your rights and responsibilities. If you have questions, contact the DEO.

Go to <https://floridajobs.org/Reemployment-Assistance-Service-Center/reemployment-assistance/claimants/fraud-and-identity-theft> for more information.

## Report Fraud

- Go to <https://mobile.connect.myflorida.com/prweb/PRAuth/ContactUs>
  - Choose Report ID THEFT/FRAUD
  - Complete the form
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## Need More Help?

**Public Library:** Libraries can help with many things, including letting you use a computer, printer, copier, scanner, or fax machine. Some libraries also have staff available who may be able to help guide you through the application process.

Find your local library at <https://myfloridalibrary.com/find/>.

**Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO):** You can contact DEO (<https://floridajobs.org>) online or by phone:

### Online Contact Form

To contact DEO through their online contact form:

- Go to their website at <https://www.floridajobs.org>
- Choose **Reemployment Assistance Resources**
- Choose **? Reemployment Assistance Help Center**
- Choose **I am CLAIMANT**
- Complete the form based on your question

### Call DEO

You can call the Reemployment Assistance Customer Service Center at 833-352-7759 or 850-245-7105.

DEO offers special assistance to people who do not speak English as their primary language and those who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English. They also provide special assistance to people who need help filing a claim online because of legal reasons, computer illiteracy, language barriers, or disabilities.

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*We hope that you found this information helpful. Visit our YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/2naxd95v> for more videos on applying for reemployment assistance benefits in Florida.*