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SCAM ALERT: Telephone Scams Request Personal Information

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is warning Ohioans about two identity theft scams targeting unemployment compensation claimants.

In one scam, a telephone caller indicates that a job is available but says the individual must provide a credit card number and other personal information in order to be hired.

In another scam, a telephone caller provides general information about unemployment compensation and then asks for the individual's Social Security number and other personal information.

ODJFS will never request credit card information or a claimant's personal identification number, and ODJFS representatives always identify themselves by name, title and the purpose of the call. Ohioans should never provide this information to unsolicited or unknown telephone callers.

Ohioans with questions about their unemployment compensation can visit <http://unemployment.ohio.gov> or call 877-OHIO-JOB.

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