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From: CHPRC Communications

To: CHPRC Employees (please cascade)

Subject: FRAUDULENT UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS

The Washington State Employment Security Department (ESD) has recently seen a dramatic rise in fraudulent unemployment claims. Some of these false claims may have been filed for a number of our employees, as well as other Hanford contractors. These false claims all contained personal information such as home addresses and social security numbers.

If you have reason to believe someone applied for unemployment benefits using your personal information, please contact [Kristi Poteet](#) in HR at (509) 947-2172, and the [Washington State Employment Security Department](#). The phone lines have been extremely busy, so the Department has an email you can use. After they are notified of the fraudulent claim, ESD also recommends you file a report with local law enforcement.

Here's how you can contact:

[Richland Police](#)

[Kennewick Police](#)

[Pasco Police](#)

[Benton County Sheriff](#)

[Franklin County Sheriff](#)