

Texas Workforce Commission Alert

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TWC Warns Texas Job Seekers about False Employer Scams

Agency encourages Texas residents to protect personally identifiable information

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today warned Texas job seekers to be aware of unscrupulous people posing as potential employers who may try to obtain personally identifiable information such as date of birth, debit card or bank account numbers, Personal Identification Numbers (PIN), or Social Security numbers.

Reported incidents include job seekers receiving unsolicited online and/or telephone communications from individuals posing as potential employers from job matching websites such as TWC's WorkInTexas.com. These false employers may request to interview job seekers over the phone or internet and then, following the interview, offer them a position on condition that they cash a company check and/or send a money order to purchase equipment or training needed to begin work with the company.

Texas residents are reminded that legitimate employers will never ask for money as a condition for starting work. Job seekers also should never provide personally identifiable information to an employer prior to a face-to-face meeting.

TWC encourages individuals to check their bank or other online accounts for unusual activity if they suspect they are victims of a similar scam. To report suspicious activity, please call TWC's Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline at 800-252-3642. To avoid becoming a victim of scams, visit the Texas Office of the Attorney General online at www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/scams.shtml or www.onguardonline.gov, managed by the Federal Trade Commission, for more information.

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