

ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD CAN  
BE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO  
DIVISION OFFICES LOCATED  
IN THESE REGIONS:

## PANHANDLE REGION

Pensacola - 850.453.7802

Tallahassee - 850.413.3115

## NORTH REGION

Jacksonville - 904.798.5802

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Tampa - 813.972.8602

St. Petersburg - 727.563.1142

Fort Myers - 239.278.7527

Orlando - 407.835.4402

## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Fort Lauderdale - 239.278.7527

West Palm Beach - 561.837.5601

Broward - 954.958.5402

## SOUTH REGION

Miami - 305.536.0302

# FRAUD ALERT

# AUTO FRAUD

BUREAU OF INSURANCE FRAUD

## Fake Crash = Real Time

If you participate in a staged  
accident, you face a minimum  
of two (2) years to fifteen (15)  
years in prison.

File a false claim with your  
insurance company and you  
will go to jail.

## Insurance Fraud - it's not worth it!



REPORT FRAUD  
CALL 1-800-378-0445  
Department of Financial Services

## AUTO FRAUD IS A CRIME

Think a fake auto accident is a harmless prank?

Think nobody gets hurt when you file a false claim? Think again.

Auto fraud is a serious crime with consequences. When someone commits auto insurance fraud, you pay the price. Auto insurance fraud can cost you and your family hundreds of dollars a year in higher insurance costs.

Every day in Florida, fake auto accidents result in millions of dollars in fake insurance claims being paid. Who pays for these claims? You do - in the form of higher insurance premiums.

But you can fight back. Join us in a statewide effort to Fight Fraud in Florida:

If someone offers to pay you to fake an injury;

If someone offers to pay you to fake an auto accident;

If someone offers to pay you to file a fake insurance claim;

Call the Florida Department of Financial Services Insurance Fraud Hotline at

**1-800-378-0445**

## KNOW YOUR AUTO FRAUD

What does auto insurance fraud look like?

- Making, selling or using a fake insurance card
- Making a false application for auto insurance
- A fake car accident or fake crash report
- A claim seeking payment for fake injuries
- Asking for payment to go to a clinic
- Tow truck driver referring you to a clinic for treatment

Have you been offered money to:

- Participate in a fake accident?
- Pretend to have injuries from a car accident?
- Go to a clinic for treatment after a car accident?
- Sign for treatment that you did not receive at a clinic?
- Add your name to a crash report?
- Use your medical license to pose as the owner of a clinic you don't own?
- File a fraudulent insurance claim?

All of these activities are felony crimes in Florida, and the Division of Insurance Fraud is dedicated to pursuing those who take part in this activity.

If you report this type of activity, you could be rewarded up to \$25,000 if your information helps lead to an arrest and conviction.

If you participate in any of these schemes, you could be eligible for a ride to jail.

We also work closely with our partners at the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB). You can visit their website for more information at [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org).

## AUTO FRAUD DOESN'T PAY

The Division of Insurance Fraud has 6 dedicated auto squads and more than 42 detectives to rein in these crimes and arrest the persons involved in fraud.

Florida now has dedicated prosecutors throughout the state to handle auto fraud, and the courts are sentencing persons convicted of insurance fraud to prison.

We are working to increase public awareness of insurance fraud, the seriousness of this crime and its impact on the community as a whole, and educate people about the potential penalties they face for participating in this activity.

**If you suspect an insurance scheme, you can report it safely, easily and anonymously in most cases. Help lower the cost we ALL pay for fraud.**



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