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Employee Learning Center English Learning Newsletter

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New words of the week:

People who **claim to be** (say they are) from the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) may call employees. This call is a **scam** (a false activity or trick) to get employees' personal information.

*Important! DWD will not ask for social security numbers or financial information over the phone.

People can try a **fraud attempt** (a scam) if they get your personal information. Right now, scam callers are trying to steal unemployment money.

Employees should report **fraudulent** (false, deceptive) activity to the DWD, the police, and their UW departments.

Pronunciation: Say "fraudulent" like this: "FRAW – ju – lent".

Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to question what someone is telling you:

- **Are you sure about that?**
- **Can you verify that?**
- **Where did you hear that?**
- **Where did you get that information?**
- **I'd like to know the source so I can find out more for myself.**

Two Truths and a Lie

Two of these statements are true. One statement is not true (a lie). Which is the lie?

- The city of Madison is located on an isthmus (a narrow strip of land) between Lakes Mendota and Monona in Dane County.
- Madison became the Wisconsin state capital in 1840.
- Madison is named for James Madison, the 4th president of the U.S.

To find the answer, go to this website:

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS2401#:~:text=Doty%20named%20Madison%20for%20James,boasting%200a%20population%20of%206%2C864.>



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For Fun

If you like music, you can listen to and watch many different performers on the Tiny Desk Concert website from National Public Radio:

<https://www.npr.org/series/tiny-desk-concerts/>

Proverbs

"Seeing is believing" means that I won't believe something just because someone tells me; I want to see it or know it for myself.

To "call a spade a spade" means to be honest and say exactly what you mean.