

VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Oklahoma law states: “If the claimant separated from employment due to domestic violence or abuse, verified by any reasonable or confidential documentation, which causes the individual to reasonably believe that the individual’s continued employment would jeopardize the safety of the individual or of any member of the individual’s immediate family.”

Employees may be victims of domestic violence or abuse. If so, and if it has resulted in separation from employment, they may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits.

Please note that benefits for employees who are victims of Domestic Abuse do not affect an employer’s Unemployment Insurance tax rate.

Those benefits and many other employment-related services are available free of charge from the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) at 36 workforce centers located throughout the state. For those transitioning between careers, OESC provides training, educational opportunities, skill building, resume assistance, networking, and job referrals.

Employees seeking to determine eligibility and file an Unemployment Insurance benefit claim should call 1-800-555-1554 or visit www.oesc.ok.gov. Those interested in reemployment services may also visit us on line at www.oesc.ok.gov or call Toll-free for their nearest Workforce at 1-888-980-WORK (9675).