



## Media Release

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### **Chesapeake Employers Insurance Warns Public About Fake Check Scam**

**Towson, MD** – Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company, Maryland's largest writer of workers' compensation insurance, is warning the public about a fake check scam that could result in recipients losing funds from their bank accounts.

Victims of the scam – who were not policyholders, claimants, vendors or otherwise affiliated with Chesapeake Employers – reported receiving checks this month that were made to appear like they were issued by Chesapeake Employers. In fact, the checks were counterfeit and could potentially defraud recipients of their own bank funds when cashed or deposited. Fraudulent checks were distributed via the UPS Priority mail, and victims were also contacted online and through social media.

Chesapeake Employers generally distributes checks via United States Postal Service, and does not utilize UPS Priority mail. Furthermore, Chesapeake Employers does not initiate contact with its customers online or through social media.

“We want to make everyone aware of this terrible scam, so they are not tricked into losing thousands of dollars from their hard-earned funds,” said Thomas J. Phelan, CPA, President and CEO of Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company. The fraudulent check incidents are currently under federal investigation.

Anyone receiving a check they were not expecting that names Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company as the issuer is asked to call the company's Customer Service Center at 1-800-264-4943 to verify before cashing or depositing it into a bank account.

#### **About Chesapeake Employers**

Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company is Maryland's largest writer of workers' compensation insurance. It is a nonprofit, non-stock, private corporation. Chesapeake Employers has served as a continuous, guaranteed source for fairly priced workers' compensation insurance since 1914.

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