



## NEWS... TRENDS... INSIGHTS...

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### WORKERS COMP

#### **Fake falls scam: 650+ staged on N.Y. construction sites, suit alleges**

March 25, 2024, New York, N.Y. -- A federal lawsuit has been filed by a New York-based insurance company alleging a statewide scheme of staged construction site accidents. The company, Tradesmen, says it has received what it believes is more than 650 fraudulent workers' compensation claims in the last four years ...

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### PUBLIC AWARENESS

#### **Slaying New York's two-headed monster driving up car insurance costs**

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gas prices and groceries, New Yorkers face an even steeper financial burden on the road. Our persistent battle with inflation is being fueled by skyrocketing auto insurance rates. In the past year, the average car insurance premium has gone up 26%. The national average for auto insurance sits at a relatively manageable \$1,982 annually ...

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## MEDICAL CLAIMS

### **NY acupuncturist pleads guilty to conspiracy to commit healthcare fraud in NJ**

**March 29, 2024, Long Island City, N.Y.** -- A New York acupuncturist recently admitted to billing Amtrak's health care benefit plan for services that were never provided and were medically unnecessary. From January 2019 through June 2022, Punson Figueroa of Long Island City, New York paid Amtrak employees hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash kickbacks in order to use their personal and insurance information to submit fraudulent claims ...

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## PUBLIC AWARENESS

### **Author documents investment fraud involving Buffalo City**

**April 2, 2024, Buffalo City, N.Y.** -- Getting to what remains of Buffalo City on the Dare County mainland isn't easy. Walking to the site where there's not much left but is surprisingly intact, requires hip boots at least, though waders are a better choice, and being in reasonable physical condition since it's a little bit more than a mile hike – or slosh – through what is truly trackless swamp ...

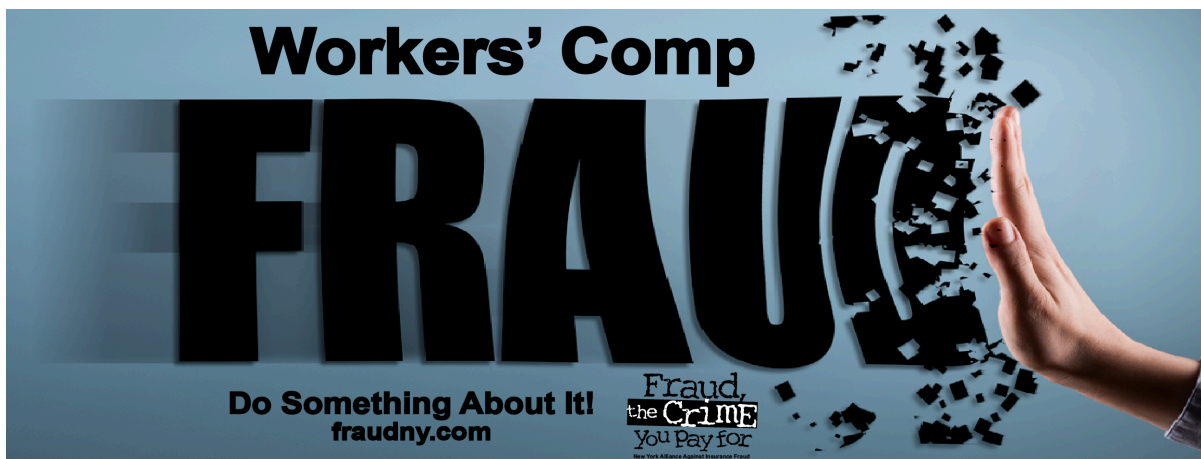
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## ID THEFT

### Shredding events: keep your data safe from scammers

**April 1, 2024, New York** -- New York reported more than 51,000 incidents of identity theft in 2023, according to Federal Trade Commission data. AARP New York is hoping to help older residents avoid such crimes—as well as other incidents of fraud—by offering more than two dozen free document-shredding events around the state this spring. Shredding old documents can keep sensitive personal information out of the hands of criminals ...

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