

3 Ways Money Can Become Unclaimed

Everyone thinks, “I could never lose track of my money,” but based on the \$489 million currently waiting to be claimed in the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt, that simply isn’t always the case. Don’t just take it from me, check out [KCCI’s Rossen Report on unclaimed property](#).

If you’re still not convinced, here are three common, real-life unclaimed property scenarios we see at the Treasurer’s Office.

1. **Security Deposits:** Congratulations - you’re moving out of your first apartment and into your new home! In the midst of packing, moving and unpacking, you forgot about the security deposit paid to your apartment landlord. Sound familiar? It’s probably waiting for you in the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt!
2. **Retirement Savings:** The average American changes jobs 12 times in their lifetime. That’s a lot of retirement savings to keep track of! If an employer can’t locate you, they are legally required to turn the savings over to the State as unclaimed property. Claiming it is simple; just search your name at GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov.
3. **Name Change:** For each time a person changes their name, think of the number of banks accounts and addresses each person has; that’s a lot of updates to remember! If your name has changed, check the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt. It’s possible a financial institution, previous employer or previous landlord couldn’t reach you, and your assets are waiting to be claimed.

Do any of these scenarios sound familiar? Search to see if your unclaimed money is waiting for you!

Start Your Search



Tip: Tune in next quarter for tips on preventing your property from becoming unclaimed.