

Claiming Your Lost Funds Just Makes Cents

Did you know you can check the status of your claim online?

Treasurer's Note

When it comes to unclaimed property, one of the most common remarks I hear about Great Iowa Treasure Hunt is, "This is amazing! You should tell people about this." Most people believe they will never lose track of their assets, but it happens all the time; this is why I never stop sharing about Great Iowa Treasure Hunt and how easy it is to search for your name and the names of family and friends. Spreading the word about unclaimed funds and how they come into my safekeeping, what Iowans can do to keep their property from being turned over to the State and what someone needs to do to claim their property are highlighted below.

Reuniting Iowans with property rightfully belonging to them is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job. Help me by sharing Iowa's only legitimate program returning unclaimed property with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

Roby Smith
Iowa State Treasurer

Nothing Compares to Finding Lost Cash



A recap of our 11 days at the Iowa State Fair.

Visiting our Great Iowa Treasure Hunt booth at the Iowa State Fair is an annual tradition for many fairgoers. This year, over 2,400 claims were filed at the Iowa State Fair and more than \$572,000 was claimed – one Iowan was even reunited with \$50,717 belonging to them.

As the Iowa State Fair would say, 'Nothing Compares' to finding your lost cash!

Weren't able to make it? Search your name 24/7 at GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov.

[Search Now](#)

Treasure Hunting Tip



Track the status of your claim online.

"Have they received my claim?"

"Do I need to send in any documentation?"

"Have they received the driver's license I sent in?"

We understand wanting to stay in-the-know when it comes to the status of your claim, and it's easy to do with our [Check a Claim's Status](#) feature. Simply visit GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov and enter your

claim ID (found on the top right corner of your claim form) in the corresponding section and discover if there's anything we need to move your claim forward.

[Check a Claim's Status](#)

Claiming vs. Reporting



What's the difference?

Claiming and reporting are two crucial pieces in the world of unclaimed property. After all, without one, we wouldn't have the other (or the ability to reunite over a million lowans with their lost assets). But what do they really mean? Let's dive in:



Preventing Unclaimed Property



Safe deposit box edition.

Thanks to home security improvements and digital security, safe deposit boxes are becoming less popular than they used to be. However, it is still a viable option for keeping your valuables safe. Increase the protection of your most-prized items by following these steps and preventing them from becoming unclaimed property:

1. Write down the location of your safe deposit box, such as in your [Vital Statistics Document](#), and share with a loved one where it is saved.
2. Visit your financial institution at least annually to inventory the items you have.

3. In the event of your death, only certain individuals are able to access your safe deposit box. Work with your financial institution to ensure the correct people are identified to have access. This is especially important if documents such as a will are stored there.

In Case You Missed It



RAGBRAI properties still available to claim.

Did you know Great Iowa Treasure Hunt participated in RAGBRAI this year? Maybe not literally, but socially – yes! Each day of the RAGBRAI celebration, we used Facebook to highlight individuals and businesses in towns along the route that have property to claim. Check out our [Facebook](#) page to see if you recognize a name, or start your search at GreatIowaTreasureHunt.gov.