



APPLYING FOR HUD HOUSING ASSISTANCE? THINK ABOUT THIS..... IS FRAUD WORTH IT?

DO YOU REALIZE...

If you commit fraud (either by mistake or purpose) to obtain assisted housing from HUD, you could be:

- Evicted from your apartment or house
- Required to repay all overpaid rental assistance your landlord received on your behalf & all your utility checks paid directly to you!
- Fined up to \$10,000.
- Imprisoned for up to five years.
- Prohibited from receiving future assistance.
- Subject to State and local government penalties.

DO YOU KNOW...

You are committing fraud if you sign a form knowing that you provided false or misleading information?

The information you provided on housing assistance application and recertification forms will be checked?

The local Housing Authority, HUD, or the Office of the Inspector General will check the income and asset information you provide with other Federal, State, or Local government and private agencies. Certifying false information is fraud.

SO BE CAREFUL!

When you fill out your application and yearly recertification for assisted housing from HUD make sure your answers to the questions are accurate and honest.

You must include:

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All sources of income and changes in income you or any members of your household receive, such as wages, welfare payments, social security and veterans' benefits, pensions, retirement, etc.

Any money you receive on behalf of your children, such as child support, DCF payments, social security for children, etc.

Any increase in income, such as wages from a new job or an expected pay raise or bonus.

All assets, such as bank accounts, savings bonds, certificates of deposit, stocks, real estate, etc., that are owned by you or any member of the household.

All income from assets; such as interest from savings and checking accounts, stocks, dividends, etc.

Any business or asset (your home) that you sold in the last two years at less than full value.

The names of everyone; adults or children, relatives and non-relatives, who are living with you and make up your household.

ASK QUESTIONS

If you don't understand something on the application or recertification forms, always ask questions. It's better to be safe, than sorry.

WATCH OUT FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE SCAMS!

- Don't pay money to have someone fill out housing assistance application and recertification forms for you.
- Don't pay money to move up on a wait list.
- Don't pay for anything that is not covered by your lease.
- Get a receipt for any money you pay.
- Get a written explanation if you are required to pay for anything other than rent (maintenance or utility charges).

REPORT FRAUD

If you know of anyone who provided false information on a HUD housing assistance application or recertification or if anyone tells you to provide false information. First report that person locally to the Ford County Housing Authority- (620)471-4711 then call if need be call the HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline. You can call 1-800-347-3735 the Hotline toll-free Monday through Friday, from 10:00am to 4:30pm, Eastern Standard Time. You can fax to (202)708-4829 - email to Hotline@hudoig.gov or you can write the Hotline at:



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