

FRAUD STATEMENT

Most families who are selected for the subsidized housing programs comply with the rules, but occasionally some do not. It is always unpleasant when someone violates the rules and penalties are enforced. To prevent families from embarrassment and hardship, the program rules need to be thoroughly understood and followed. The most common violations are listed below.

Unauthorized Household Members

The persons you listed on your original application for housing assistance are the only persons who may reside in your housing unit.

If you permit anyone who has not been approved by the Housing Authority to reside in your unit, or allow anyone to use your address, it is a violation of your family obligations, and it could result in the loss of your housing assistance. Adding someone to your household may change the household income and affect you in ways described below. It is important that you contact the Housing Authority before you allow someone to move into your unit.

Also, you must promptly inform the Housing Authority of the birth, adoption or court-awarded custody of a child so that they may be added to your lease.

Under-Reporting Income

If your family withholds information about income, it causes the Housing Authority to pay more money to the owner than the law requires. This is a major violation of your family obligations. In these cases your family would be required to repay the money. In addition, it could result in the loss of assistance and, in some cases, **criminal penalties**.

Not Reporting Changes

Failure to report changes in a timely manner [within ten (10) days] could result in repayment of money or loss of assistance. You must report all changes even if your pay changes every week.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not you reported any recent changes to the Housing Authority it is your obligation to call the office and double check!

These changes include (but are not limited to) starting a new job, quitting a job, termination of employment, receiving unemployment compensation, changes in social security income, starting or stopping of cash assistance, change in child support payments, change of household size, etc.

Making false statements and providing false information are serious violations of program rules as well as violations of state and federal criminal laws. You could be charged with “Theft by Deception” ranging from a Misdemeanor to a Felony, which results in fingerprinting and photographing.

Please be aware that families who provide false information or documents are subject to denial or termination of assistance, are required to repay any amounts that were paid by the Housing Authority and may be subject to criminal penalties under state or federal law.

If you are not sure about the rules or procedures, please contact the Housing Authority to get the correct information. No one should be evicted or lose their assistance unnecessarily. If you are aware of someone who is violating program rules, please contact the Housing Authority.

Thank you.

Tenant Signature

Date

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