

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FRAUD AND MISREPRESENTATION**

TO: **Families** Participating in the Section 8 Existing Housing Program

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is seriously concerned about fraud in the Section 8 Existing Housing Program and has asked our agency to provide you with this reminder. Following these simple rules will help you stay in the Section 8 Existing Housing Program and will help the Program run fairly and honestly. Not following these rules could result in referral of the matter for investigation and families being accused of a federal crime.

From time to time, we may ask you about your income and your family size so that we can make sure that you are paying the correct rent to your landlord and that your house or apartment is the right size for your family. When we ask for this information, be sure to:

1. Let us know about all income received by members of your household and income that you expect to receive in the next year. Many people forget income from second jobs, overtime, part-time jobs, and income received for child support.
2. Let us know the name of everyone expected to live in your household in the next year. If your family size increases, let us know and we will help you find a larger place to live, if appropriate.

Your payment to the landlord must not be more than the amount in your lease that we calculated at the time of our review. If you are now paying (or if your landlord asks for) any money in addition to this payment, please report this to us at once. We will determine if these extra payments are legal; it is possible that such payments are illegal and appropriate action will be taken against the landlord. If necessary, we will help you find another place to live.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU REPORT ANY CHANGES IN YOUR INCOME AND ANY CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH YOU. WE URGE YOU TO BE SURE THAT YOU ARE MEETING THESE RESPONSIBILITIES SO THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE AND SO THAT THIS PROGRAM CAN SERVE AS MANY FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE.

If you know of any cases of fraud by landlords, other families, or housing agency employees, or if you have any questions on this subject, please write to:

**I certify that I have read the above information about fraud and misrepresentation.**

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**Signature of Household Head**

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**Date**

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**Co-Head/Spouse**

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**Date**

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**Adult over 18 years of age**

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**Date**