



# APPLYING FOR HUD HOUSING ASSISTANCE?

**THINK ABOUT THIS...  
IS FRAUD WORTH IT?**

## Do You Realize...

If you commit fraud to obtain assisted housing from HUD, you could be:

- **Evicted** from your apartment or house.
- **Required to repay** all overpaid rental assistance you received.
- **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 provide on housing assistance application and recertification forms will be checked. The local housing agency, HUD, or the Office of Inspector General will check the income and asset information you provide with other Federal, State, or local governments and with 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:

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, AFDC 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 your household.

All income from assets, such as interest from savings and checking accounts, stock 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.

**(Important Notice for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita Evacuees:** HUD's reporting requirements may be temporarily waived or suspended because of your circumstances. Contact the local housing agency before you complete the housing assistance application.)

## 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 waiting 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, report that person to the HUD Office of Inspector General Hotline. You can call the Hotline toll-free Monday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, at 1-800-347-3735. You can fax information to (202) 708-4829 or e-mail it to [Hotline@hudoig.gov](mailto:Hotline@hudoig.gov). You can write the Hotline at:



HUD OIG Hotline, GFI  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20410

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I self-certify that I have viewed the following videos in preparation for acceptance of the Housing Choice Voucher.

\_\_\_\_\_ Presentation Client Briefing

\_\_\_\_\_ Nan McKay – Voucher Family Briefing

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Head of Household

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WARNING!!** Title 18, Section 1001 of the United States Code, states that a person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department or agency of the United States.



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**PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION**  
**HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**

The Livonia Housing Commission administers a rent assistance housing program for low-income families which mandates that there shall be no discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, or sexual preference. So as to ensure that every present and future program participant is made aware of all program policies, participant responsibilities, and compliance requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Each participant is requested to **certify below** as to the following Issuances and information at the time of his/her program participation.

I hereby certify that I received a copy of the following documents:

1. Written informational statement regarding responsibilities of the participant family
2. A Good Place to Live
3. HCV Client Notice-Avoid Areas with High Concentration of Poverty
4. HUD Forms regarding Fair Housing and Discrimination
5. Current Utility Allowance Schedule
6. Dangers of Lead Paint information
7. Unauthorized Adult Policy, Participant Family's Rights to an Informal Review/Hearing, Re-Examination Policy
8. Tenant Addendum
9. Dwelling Search Log

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Head of Household Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Other Family Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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