

# HELPING YOU AVOID FRAUD

*What is FRAUD?* Fraud is a crime, a form of theft. A person found guilty of fraud may have to pay a fine, or could go to jail, or both. A person may be guilty of fraud if they receive Housing Assistance they should not have. *Because they told only part of the truth. Because they lied. Because they did not tell the Housing Authority all of the facts right away.*

You must tell your worker all the information about:

## MONEY

Any money you, your partner, or any other persons in your household over 18 years of age have received, are receiving or may receive in the future from:

A job	Social Security Benefits	Disability Insurance
Other family members	Worker's Compensation	Unemployment Insurance
Friends	Veteran's Benefits	Death Benefits
A child's father or mother	Insurance Settlements	Railroad Retirements
Inheritance	Income from renting to others	Interests
Child Support	Income paid under the table	Babysitting
Any other source of income	Any loans received from any source	Payments made for you by others

## ASSETS

Any assets (anything of value) you, your partner, or any other persons in your household have, or are anticipating owning in the future. Examples:

Home	Land	Motorcycle
Vehicles	Trust Funds	Boat
Stocks	Gifts	Insurance settlements
Bonds	Bank Accounts (savings, checking, CD's, money market)	
Lump sum payments of any kind		

## PEOPLE

Any changes in the number of people in your household or their status. This includes:

- How many persons live in your home
- When anyone moves in or out of your home
- When someone is visiting (or planning a visit) in your home for more than 14 days
- If you get married, separated or divorced
- If someone in your household dies
- Anyone gets or loses a job
- If you reunite with the absent parent of your child

Each time your worker asks you, and, after you are on a housing program, every time there is any change in MONEY, ASSETS or PEOPLE in your household, you must report – **IN WRITING** – **WITHIN SEVEN DAYS** of the changes