

STAMP OUT FRAUD!



PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD IS A SERIOUS CRIME!

TO REPORT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FRAUD CALL

CRIME  STOPPERS
255-5050

PENALTIES & CONSEQUENCES:

A person found guilty of public assistance fraud can be
fined, placed in jail, or fined and placed in jail.

People guilty of Food and Nutrition Services fraud may get
an even stiffer penalty.



PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TIPS

When you apply for benefits, make sure you report correct information to avoid breaking the law. You must give truthful information without leaving anything out.

Things like:

- ◊ Where you live
- ◊ How you, your and members of your home are supported with money
- ◊ Are you single, married or divorced, in a relationship
- ◊ Who lives with you in your home
- ◊ Custody plans of all children in the home
- ◊ Any money you make from anything such as:
 - side-jobs like cleaning or mowing lawns
 - rental of rooms, homes or property
 - unemployment or disability payments
- ◊ Any assets you have such as bank accounts, cars or property
- ◊ Any and all benefits you currently receive

It is against the law to:

- ◊ Lie to get public assistance of any kind
- ◊ Use someone else's benefit card to get services
- ◊ Use someone else's EBT card illegally for benefits
- ◊ Lie to help someone else get benefits that they do not qualify for

IMPORTANT:

You can avoid penalties and paying back money. If your income or family situation changes you must tell your case worker within 10 days. Do this for every benefit you get. This is your responsibility.

APPLY DON'T LIE...

If you are unsure how to fill out your application, ask your caseworker. Being honest is the best way to avoid committing a very serious crime called public assistance fraud.