

CALL THE FRAUD LINE AT

1-212-274-5030

The Bureau of Fraud investigates complaints of Cash Assistance, Food Stamp and Medicaid fraud committed by participants and others. Thousands of cases are investigated each year.

The Bureau has a staff of highly trained professional investigators who receive information from the public, various law enforcement agencies and other City agencies.

You must report any change in your income, living arrangements, address, property or needs. It is your responsibility to tell your Job Center, Non-cash Assistance Center or Medicaid Office right away.

HOW BFI FIGHTS FRAUD



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BUREAU OF FRAUD INVESTIGATION

Welfare Fraud
hurts all of us,
especially the
people who
really need help.



WELFARE FRAUD

COULD AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS

Welfare fraud hurts the poor and needy, wastes tax dollars and makes the public skeptical about services such as Cash Assistance, Medicaid and Food Stamps. Fraud may cause cuts in your monthly grant and in all programs.

REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD

Don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution. If you know about someone who is abusing the system, call the BFI Fraud Hotline at (212) 274-5030, e-mail us at: bffraud@nyc.hra.gov or write to us at:

BFI Complaint Unit
250 Church Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10013

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE US YOUR NAME AND ALL INFORMATION YOU GIVE US IS CONFIDENTIAL. THE MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN GIVE US, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS WE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP THE FRAUD.

IT PAYS TO REPORT YOUR EARNED INCOME AND/OR RESOURCES

YOU MUST REPORT:

- Full-time or part-time jobs, on or off the books
- Change of address
- Change in the number of people in your family or your household
- Child support payments
- Worker's compensation, disability payments or Supplemental Security Income
- Veteran's benefits
- Unemployment insurance benefits
- Social Security benefits or pensions
- Life insurance
- Car ownership
- Checking/savings accounts
- Property ownership
- Other money you receive

DON'T TAKE A CHANCE. YOU COULD BE ARRESTED

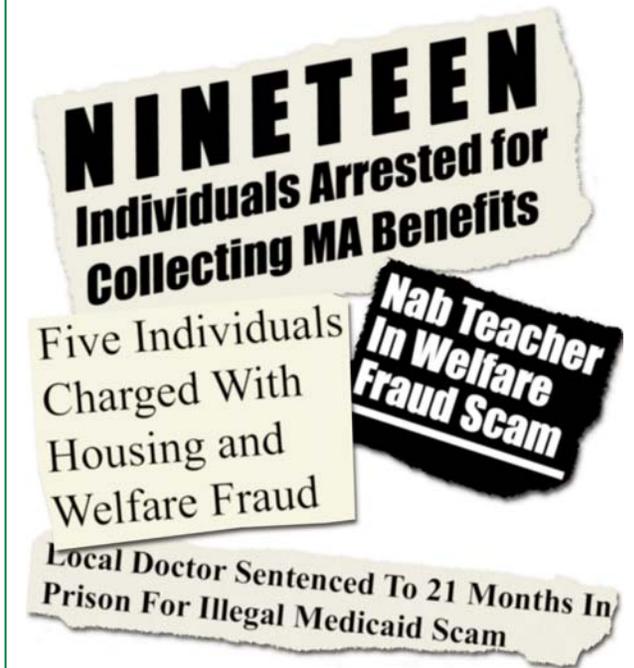
IF YOU COMMIT FRAUD:

- You could go to jail.
- You will have to pay back all the money you got fraudulently.
- You could be stopped from getting cash assistance and food stamps.

You must report any information that could change your benefits.

If you don't fill out the application completely and honestly, you could be committing welfare fraud.

PRESS RELEASES



People who commit welfare crimes really are hurting the poor. We want to be sure that welfare benefits help people in need.