

ACTS OF FRAUD – PROHIBITED UNDER
THE SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seriously concerned about violations of Federal Code and Regulations in the Section 8 Housing Program.

Some examples of fraud involving tenants and landlords identified by HUD and investigated by the Inspector General include:

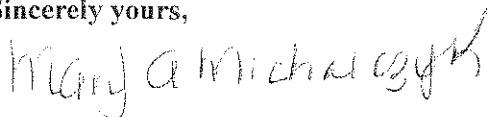
1. Requiring extra (“side”) payments in excess of the family’s share of the rent or payments from persons not on the lease. Under the Section 8 Program rules and regulations, it states “any payments in excess of or in addition to the rent specified in the lease for that unit must be approved by the Housing Authority”.
2. Collecting Housing Assistance Payments (HAPs) for units where the tenant has moved out.
3. Allowing persons other than those on the lease to live in the apartment without declaring their residency and/or income to the Housing Authority.
4. Offering PHA employees “incentives to place tenants in your apartments, to certify substandard units as standard or to ignore additional persons in the apartment.

In order to provide housing assistance to as many families as possible, all tenants and landlords must follow U.S. government policies. Incidences of fraud under the Section 8 Program are criminal acts. The Department of HUD will take any action warranted to ensure that cases of fraud are prosecuted. The Housing Authority is working with HUD to accomplish this task. If you are suspected of committing any fraudulent acts, we are required to refer this matter to the R.I. Attorney General and to the U.S. Inspector General. This could lead to an investigation of the allegation and could result in your being accused of a Federal crime.

In recent months, many citizens have reported such incidents, and we have responded. If you become aware of anyone who is violating the rules and regulations of the Section 8 Program, including both tenants and landlords, I urge you to report them immediately to me at 401-721-6017.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Mary A. Michalczyk
Chief of Rental Assistance

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PAWTUCKET HOUSING AUTHORITY
SECTION 8 DEPARTMENT

FRAUD AND PROGRAM ABUSE
REPORTING FORM

Instructions: The Department of HUD and the PHA are seriously concerned about Fraud and Abuse in the various housing assistance programs, please complete this form if you become aware of any violation of the program rules by any person. You may furnish your name, but you are not required to.

I would like to bring the following information to the attention of the PHA:

How long has this situation been going on? _____

Is there anyone other than you who can verify this information? Yes No

If yes, who? _____

What other facts would help us verify this information?

Name (optional) _____

Telephone Number _____ Date _____