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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Don't risk your chances for Federally assisted housing by providing false, incomplete, or inaccurate information on your application and recertification forms.

Purpose

This is to inform you that there is certain information you must provide when applying for assisted housing. There are penalties that apply if you knowingly omit information or give false information.

Penalties for Committing Fraud

The United State Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) places a high priority on preventing fraud. If your application or recertification forms contain false or incomplete information, you may be:

- * Evicted from you apartment or house;
- * Required to repay all overpaid rental assistance you received;
- * Fined up to \$10,000.00;
- * Imprisoned for up to 5 years; and/or
- * Prohibited from receiving future assistance

Asking Questions

When you sit down with the person who fills out your application, you should know what is expected of you. If you do not understand something, say so. That person can answer your question or find out what the answer is.

Completing the Application

When you give your answers to application questions, you must include the following information:

Income

- * All sources of money you and any member of your family receive (wages, welfare payments, alimony, social security, pension etc.);
- * Any money you receive on behalf of your children (child support, social security for children, etc.);
- * Income from assets (interest from a savings account, credit union, or certificate of deposit, dividend from stocks, etc.);
- * Earnings from a second job or part-time job;
- * Any anticipated income (such as a bonus or pay raise you expect to receive).

