

**TOPEKA HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
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**Fraud in the Section 8 Housing Program**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is seriously concerned about fraud in the Section 8 Housing Program. Going along with the following rules will help you stay in the Section 8 Housing Program and help the program run fairly and honestly. Not following these rules could result in referral of the matter for investigation and your being accused of a Federal crime.

Whenever appropriate, we will ask you for information about your income and your family size so we can make sure that you are paying the right rent amount to your landlord and that your house or apartment is the right size for your family. When we ask for this information, be sure to:

1. Report all income received by members of your household and income that you expect to receive in the next year. Many people forget income from second jobs, overtime, part-time jobs, and income received for child support.
  
2. Let us know the name of everyone expected to live in your household in the next year. If your family size increases and this entitles you to a larger unit, we will issue you a new voucher. Also, in the reverse, if your family size decreases, you may be asked to move or you may have to pay a higher portion of the rent due to being in an oversized unit.

Your rent payment to your landlord must not be more than the amount that we calculate at the time of the move in or the annual review. If you are now paying (or if your landlord asks for) any money in addition to this payment, please report this to us at once. We will determine if these extra payments are legal. Most of these payments are illegal and appropriate action will be taken against the landlord. We will review your case and get back to you shortly. If necessary, we will issue you a new voucher.

It is very important that you report all income and any changes in the number of people living with you. We urge you to be sure that you are meeting these responsibilities so that you will continue to receive assistance and so that this program can serve as many families a possible.

If you know of any cases of fraud by the landlord, Section 8 tenants, or housing authority employees, or if you have any questions on this subject, please call this office at (785) 357-8842.