

**CALL THE FRAUD LINE AT:  
(718) 557-1399**

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# BUREAU OF FRAUD INVESTIGATION

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



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## CASH ASSISTANCE FRAUD COULD AFFECT YOUR BENEFITS

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Fraud is when you intend to misrepresent, hide, or hold back facts in order to get social services benefits.

Fraud hurts the people who need assistance, wastes tax dollars and makes the public question services such as Cash Assistance, Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits. Fraud may cause cuts in your monthly grant and in all programs.

## REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD

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Don't be part of the problem; be part of the solution. If you know about someone who is abusing the system contact BFI at:

**THE BFI FRAUD HOTLINE** at (718) 557-1399,  
**ONLINE:** [www.nyc.gov/hra](http://www.nyc.gov/hra)  
**OR WRITE TO US AT:**  
BFI Complaint Unit  
375 Pearl Street, 23rd Floor  
New York, NY 10038

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.

## YOU MUST REPORT

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

## DON'T TAKE A CHANCE. YOU COULD BE ARRESTED

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### 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, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Medicaid Benefits.

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 cash assistance fraud.](#)

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



## HOW BFI FIGHTS FRAUD

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The Bureau of Fraud Investigation conducts investigations of complaints of Cash Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Medicaid fraud committed by participants and others. Thousands of cases are investigated each year.

BFI 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, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Center or Medicaid Office right away.

**IT PAYS TO REPORT YOUR EARNED  
INCOME AND/OR RESOURCES!**