



Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency **Rental Assistance Department**

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PROGRAM INTEGRITY AND FRAUD

The Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) is committed to maintaining the integrity of the rental assistance subsidy program. Because the federal government funds the program, any intentional misrepresentation of facts or fraudulent activity by a participating landlord or family is a federal crime.

Actions taken by MDHA against a landlord found to have committed fraud include deducting the amount of any overpayment from amounts due on the subject property or any other housing assistance payment contract, termination of the current payment contract, and/or civil and criminal prosecution.

Actions taken by MDHA against a subsidized tenant found to have committed fraud include mandating repayment to MDHA of any amount paid as a result of fraudulent information, termination from the subsidy program, and/or civil and criminal prosecution.

Program fraud can be reported to the MDHA Rental Assistance Department by using the Program Integrity and Fraud Reporting Form.

Some examples of program violations or fraud by a landlord:

- Collecting additional payments from the family beyond that stated in the Tenancy Addendum to the lease (also called “side payments”).
- Accepting Housing Assistance payments for a vacant unit.
- Living in the same rental unit as the program participant.

Some examples of program violations or fraud by a subsidized tenant:

- Misstatements of facts.
- Omission of facts.
- Making false statements.
- Lying on personal declaration forms.
- Failure to comply with program requirements.
- Failure to report all income and/or assets.
- Falsifying document and/or signatures.
- Failure to promptly report changes in income or household composition.
- Allowing additional people to live in the home without approval from the landlord and MDHA.
- Subleasing all or part of the rental unit.
- Paying more rent to the landlord than the amount stated on the Tenancy Addendum to the Lease (also called “side payments”).
- Charging rent from a live-in aide.
- Committing a serious criminal act.
- Owning or having a financial interest in the rental unit.