



## 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.



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## PROGRAM INTEGRITY AND FRAUD REPORTING FORM

Please provide as much information and details as possible in the space provided.

Name of the person(s) committing violation and/or fraud:

At what address?

What appears to be a violation and/or fraud? (check ALL that apply)

Unreported income. How much and from where?

Additional people living in the home. Name, age, since when and vehicle description:

Someone moved out of the home. Name and date:

Drugs and/or criminal activity. Who, what and when? Police reports? Currently incarcerated?

Subleasing of the home. To whom, how much rent is being charged and since when?

Landlord is accepting additional rent. How much, since when?

Landlord is a relative. What is the relationship?

Other violations or fraud (charging live-in aide rent, landlord living in the home, etc):

Who, other than you, can confirm the violation and/or fraud?

Name:	Telephone:	Name:	Telephone:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Confidential information. MDHA will not act on anonymous information. Giving your name and contact information is required. Also, we may need to ask you for more details and may not be able to complete the investigation if we cannot reach you. Your name and contact information will be kept confidential.

Your name:  Phone number:

E-mail address:  Date:

Please submit this form by mail to the address above or electronically to [Section8@nashville-mdha.org](mailto:Section8@nashville-mdha.org)