

Most Common Program Violations

Most families who are selected for the program comply with the rules, but occasionally some do not. It is always unpleasant when someone violates the rules and penalties are required. To prevent families from embarrassment and hardship, the program rules must be thoroughly understood by all of the persons involved. The most common violations are listed below. Please call our Section 8 staff if you have further questions.

Unauthorized household members

The persons you listed on your application for housing assistance are the only persons who may reside in your housing unit. If you permit anyone who has not been approved by the Housing Authority to reside in your unit, it is a violation of your Family Obligations, and it may very well result in the loss of your housing assistance.

Under- reported income

Whenever you are interviewed by the Housing Authority, you will be asked to report all income received by everyone in your household. If a family withholds income, it causes the Housing Authority to pay more money to the owner than the law requires. This is a violation of your Family Obligations. In these cases the family may be required to repay money. In addition, it could result in the loss of housing assistance or, in some cases, criminal penalties.

Sub- leasing the unit

When the Housing Authority approves your family, we approve your family only. It is illegal for any family on the program to lease all or part of their unit to anyone.

Not reporting changes

At the briefing, the Housing Authority representative will explain the procedures for reporting changes in household members, income etc. Failure to report these changes could result in repayment of money or loss of housing assistance.

Not providing information or documents

When the Housing Authority requests that you furnish additional documentation, it is because it is a program requirement. If you do not furnish these necessary documents, your application will not be verified and you will be ineligible for the program. This also applies every time you are due for recertification.