

When you apply for assistance with the Department of Human Services, you will hear about fraud and overpayments. Fraud is when someone gives false, incorrect, or incomplete information. Fraud is a crime in Virginia.

You will have your rights and responsibilities explained to you and you will be asked to sign forms that show you understand your responsibility to report changes in your situation.



Help Prevent Fraud

AND OVERPAYMENTS
IN
ARLINGTON COUNTY

Changes include:

- ◆ Marriage/reuniting with a spouse
 - ◆ Divorce/separation
 - ◆ A new job
 - ◆ Birth of a child
 - ◆ A raise in pay
 - ◆ A new address
 - ◆ Death of a household member
 - ◆ Receiving child support
 - ◆ Sale or purchase of a car or land
 - ◆ Receiving a loan
 - ◆ Opening/closing a bank account
- ◆ Change in number of people living in the home

If you don't report all changes on time and you receive an overpayment....

- ◆ You will be required to pay it back;
- ◆ You may be disqualified from receiving benefits;
- ◆ You could be taken to court and convicted of grand larceny, a felony.

You can help prevent fraud by reporting all required changes in your situation, and by always giving correct information.

Remember, the Department of Human Services has many ways to verify information with other agencies, including:

- Division of Motor Vehicles
- Virginia Employment Commission
- Social Security Administration
- Other State and Federal Agencies

**Don't let
fraud
happen
to you!**

If you believe someone has received assistance from Arlington County and failed to report information such as income, employment, or household members, you may telephone the Arlington County Fraud Unit at (703) 228-1328.