

Beware of Scams!

If it sounds too good to be true, it is probably too good to be true!

The US Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has issued a notice about a scam concerning Section 8 wait list openings. Scams like these are designed to obtain personal information about people and use it for fraudulent activity. Fliers, such as the one below, have been circulating on social media advertising assistance with applying for Section 8 housing. This flyer and the website '[www.govassistance\[DOT\]org](https://www.govassistance[DOT]org)' are **NOT** legitimate.



Agencies who are opening a wait list will have information about it on their website. Always check that website before doing anything else. Information about HUD and any of its opportunities would be found on the HUD website at www.hud.gov. When the HACC plans to open a wait list, the information will be found on our website at www.thehacc.org. You can register to be notified of any HACC wait list openings by scrolling to the bottom of our Home Page and entering your email address to receive wait list opportunities.

Don't fall victim to a scam! If you are unsure if the information is legitimate, protect yourself!

- Never click on a hyperlink without verifying with a trusted source
- Never submit Social Security Numbers, bank / credit card information, or other personal information to a website found through an online search
- Never pay a fee to be placed on any Section 8 wait list

Individuals who fall victim to this or similar scams can file a complaint at the Internet Crime Compliant Center (IC3): <https://www.ic3.gov/>. Additionally, if someone reaches out to you about a scam involving HUD, please reach out to their Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) at CIRT@hud.gov.