

If you want to report a case of suspected benefit fraud, please fill in these details below. We will treat what you tell us as highly confidential.

Report of possible benefit fraud

Name of the person you think is committing benefit fraud

.....
Name of their partner

.....
Their address or addresses

.....
Their employer or employers

.....
Why do you think they are committing fraud?

When you have filled it in, please return the form to:

Revenues Division
Counter Fraud Team
PO Box 216
Dundee
DD1 3YJ.

For more information, please read our anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy on our benefit fraud site (www.dundee.gov.uk/fraud).

If you or the organisation you work for would be interested in a talk on benefit fraud awareness, please contact:

The Fraud Manager
Revenues Division
Counter Fraud Team
PO Box 216
Dundee
DD1 3YJ.

The information in this leaflet is for guidance only and is not a statement of the law. We will not be responsible for any loss you may suffer as a result of relying on any information in this leaflet.

We can provide this information in large print or another format that meets your needs. For more information please contact:
Phone: 01382 434503.

This leaflet was designed by Dundee City Council Public Relations Department.
FA /11/08.

This leaflet is called reporting benefit fraud.

If you need a copy of this leaflet in another language, please contact:
Dundee Translation Unit, Central Library,
Wellgate Centre, Dundee DD1 1DB.
Phone: 01382 431563

這章程是有關舉報福利詐騙

如果你需要中文譯本，請聯系：丹地翻譯服務
地址：DTIS Central Library, Wellgate Centre,
Dundee DD1 1DB 電話：01382 431563

Niniejsza ulotka dotyczy zgłaszania wyłudzeń zasiłkowych

Jeśli potrzebujesz wersji przetłumaczonej, prosimy o kontakt:

Dundee Translation Unit, Central Library,
Wellgate Centre, Dundee DD1 1DB.
Phone: 01382 431563

Это брошюра о том, как сообщить о мошенничестве с пособиями

Если Вам необходим перевод, пожалуйста, свяжитесь с Переводческим Агентством Данди, Центральная Библиотека, Центр Велгейт\

Dundee Translation Unit, Central Library,
Wellgate Centre, Dundee DD1 1DB.
Phone: 01382 431563

یہ لیفلٹ :بینیفٹ فراڈ رپورٹ کرنے کے بارے میں ہے۔

اگر آپ کو ترجمے کی ضرورت ہے تو برائے مہربانی نیچے درج پتے پر رابطہ کریں:

ڈنڈی ٹرانسلیشن یونٹ، سینٹرل لائبریری

ویل گیٹ سینٹر، ڈنڈی DD1 1DB

ٹیلی فون: 01382 431563



Reporting Benefit Fraud



This leaflet tells you:

- what benefit fraud is;
- what action we take if someone is committing benefit fraud; and
- how to report someone you think is committing benefit fraud.

What is benefit fraud?

Put plainly, benefit fraud is a crime. We are determined to make sure that only those people who are entitled to benefit actually receive it.

We have a responsibility to protect public money. The single largest abuse of public funds is benefit fraud. It happens when someone deliberately makes a false claim for benefit or when someone receiving benefit doesn't tell us about a change in their circumstances.

We must take firm action against those who defraud the benefits system.

What action will you take?

The action we can take includes administrative cautions, administrative penalties or prosecution.

- **Administrative caution**
A caution is a warning which we will use rather than prosecuting you if you have admitted an offence. If we offer you a caution, you have the right to refuse. If this happens, we will report the matter to the Procurator Fiscal for prosecution.
- **Administrative penalty**
This is a fine used instead of prosecuting you. If you pay the fine, you will have to pay back the benefit you have falsely claimed plus another 30% of that amount.

You can refuse to pay the fine. If this happens, we will report the matter to the Procurator Fiscal for prosecution.

- **Prosecution**
The more serious cases of suspected fraud are not suitable for administrative caution or penalty and we report these to the Procurator Fiscal for prosecution. If you are found guilty, you will get a criminal record.

Paying benefit back

We have a legal duty to recover money that you have claimed falsely.

I think I know someone who is committing fraud. What do I do?

If you know, suspect, or have information about someone who may be committing fraud, you can report your suspicions in several ways.

- Call us on the 24-hour fraud hotline on 0800 085 2289.
- Use the online referral form on our benefit fraud site :-
(www.dundee.gov.uk/forms/benefitfraud.php).
- **Visit** any of our enquiry offices :-

Finance Department Office
Dundee House
50 North Lindsay Street
Dundee
Open from 8.30am to 5pm (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays),
9.30am to 5pm (Wednesdays)

West District Housing Office
3 Sinclair Street
Lochee
Dundee
Open from 9am to 4.30pm
(Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
and 10am to 4.30pm (Tuesdays).

East District Housing Office
169 Pitkerro Road
Dundee
Open from 9am to 4.30pm
(Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
and 10am to 4.30pm (Tuesdays).

- **Write to:**
The Counter Fraud Team
Revenues Division
PO Box 216
Dundee
DD1 3YJ

What happens if I report someone?

We treat reports of suspected fraud seriously. If our checks show we have reason to suspect the fraud, or actual fraud is taking place, we will carry out investigations.

What happens when you catch someone who has committed fraud?

We assess each case on its merits.

We decide what action to take after taking account of any relevant circumstances. We may offer someone an administrative caution or penalty, to avoid prosecution.

We may consider a case is so serious that we will definitely prosecute. In this case you will have to pay back the benefit you have falsely claimed plus whatever fine the court says you have to pay.

Do you check information given by people applying for benefit?

Yes. While most people claiming benefits are honest, unfortunately, there are some who are not.

If you don't let us know about your circumstances, or a change in them which may affect any entitlement to benefits, you face being prosecuted for benefit fraud.

When we receive a benefit claim form, we carry out checks to see if the information is accurate and correct.

We will not pay benefit until we have all the information we need and check it.

We also check information with other organisations, such as the Department for Work and Pensions.

This can often reveal other things, like income which has not been declared.

How does fraud affect me?

According to The Department for Work and Pensions' website (www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/benefit-thieves/), in 2006 to 2007 an estimated £700 million was stolen from public funds by people committing benefit fraud.

The Government could have used this money to improve and upgrade educational facilities, housing, hospitals and transport.