

BUREAU OF FRAUD INVESTIGATION INTERVIEWS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why am I being asked for an interview?

You may be interviewed in person and/or be interviewed on the phone by the Bureau of Fraud Investigation for any number of reasons. The request for an interview does not necessarily mean there are suspicions of wrongdoing.

What should I have with me for my interview?

When you come in for your office interview or at your telephone interview, please remember to have your photo ID and all documentation requested on the letter.

Do I have to interview alone?

You may have an attorney and/or other representatives with you in person or join you on the telephone call. If you do not have access to an attorney, free legal representation is available at a legal services or legal aid office.

Do I have to answer all the questions?

You may choose to not answer questions, or you may answer all or part of the investigator's questions. Your benefits **cannot** be stopped or reduced solely because you do not answer. However, if you **fail to respond to this letter**, benefits **may** be stopped, according to the law.

Can I choose not to respond?

If you fail to respond **to this letter**, the law entitles HRA to stop your benefits.

Where is this interview?

When you receive a letter from the Bureau of Fraud Investigation, it will tell you whether the interview will take place in person or by telephone. For in person, please come to the address indicated on your letter, on the date and time assigned. If for any reason you cannot appear, please call the number listed on your letter in advance to reschedule. For telephone, please call the number on the letter to schedule a date and time and make sure you are available. If for any reason you need to reschedule please call the same number, in advance.

I lost my letter, what should I do?

If you have lost your letter, or have any questions, please call the Bureau of Fraud Investigation at 718/722-8001.

How can I report fraud?

- Hotline: (718) 722-8001
- Online: Complete online complaint form [here](#).
- Whistleblower laws: For more information, [click here](#).

Why should I report fraud or abuse?

Helping to protect the integrity of public assistance programs saves valuable tax dollars to help those who need it.