

## **BUREAU OF FRAUD INVESTIGATION INTERVIEWS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why am I being asked for an interview?**

You may be called in for an interview 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 bring to my interview?**

When you come in for your interview, please remember to bring with your photo ID and all documentation requested on the letter.

### **Do I have to come alone?**

You may bring an attorney and/or other representatives with you. If you do not have access to an attorney, free legal representation is available at a legal services or legal aid office (a list of free legal resources is available here [link]).

### **Do I have to answer all of 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 appear**, your benefits **may** be stopped, according to the law.

### **Can I choose to not show up?**

If you fail to appear, the law entitles HRA to close your case and stop your benefits.

### **Where is this interview?**

When you receive a letter from the Bureau of Fraud Investigation for an interview, 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 to reschedule.

### **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
- In Person: 250 Church Street, 3rd FL., New York, NY 10013
- 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 and provides assistance to those who need it.