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**Help Stop Benefit Fraud
Call the Fraud Hotline
1-800-765-7867**

To report the fraudulent receipt of Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Medicaid benefits, Child Care or other Social Services benefits, call **1-800-765-7867**, toll-free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

**For more information,
please visit our website at:**

www.dss.sd.gov/benefitfraud



Benefit Fraud Information

Department of Social Services

**Office of Recoveries
& Fraud Investigations
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291**



What is Benefit Fraud?

Program recipients are committing fraud if they:

*falsely report that a parent is absent from the household.

*intentionally fail to report a change in the household composition, income or resources.

*intentionally fail to report any change in circumstances that would affect their eligibility for benefits.

*intentionally receive benefits from two or more states at the same time.

We All Pay for Benefit Fraud

Most South Dakotans who receive welfare benefits have a legitimate need for assistance.

Unfortunately, a few people intentionally obtain benefits they don't deserve. These people are committing fraud; which is a crime.

These people are also placing a bigger burden on taxpayers by increasing the cost of benefit programs. By reducing fraud, the Office of Recoveries and Fraud Investigations (ORFI) helps to ensure funds are available to those who need assistance.

Report Benefit Fraud

Everyone can help reduce fraud and abuse of program benefits by reporting it. If you think someone is fraudulently receiving benefits, contact us to report the details of the situation:

Call the toll-free hotline, 24 hours a day, **1-800-765-STOP (7867)**. Callers may choose to stay anonymous.

Send us an email at [**Recoveries@state.sd.us**](mailto:Recoveries@state.sd.us)

Visit our staff at the Department of Social Services' Offices in Pierre, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, or Rapid City.

The Office of Recoveries and Fraud Investigations (ORFI) utilizes the information provided to investigate the allegations of fraud. Investigations that determine inappropriate or fraudulent actions may result in the loss of:

Program benefits.

Requirement for reimbursement from the State of South Dakota.

Criminal prosecution; including jail and fines, or a combination of both.