

What will Happen When I Contact the Office of Inspector General?

- Q: Will I be asked to give my name?**
- A: YES.** You are not obligated to give your name; however, providing your name gives investigators a point of contact, in the event that follow-up information is needed.
- Q: Will my call be taken seriously?**
- A: YES.** All calls of possible welfare abuse and fraud are investigated, even if the call is anonymous.
- Q: Will the Inspector General's office reveal my name to the person(s) I am reporting?**
- A: NO.** Even if you decide to give your name when you call, your name is held confidential.
- Q: Will I be told of the outcome of the investigation?**
- A: NO.** All investigations are confidential.
- Q: What can happen to someone who is reported for Welfare fraud?**
- A:** After an investigation, if an individual is found to have committed fraud, they may be disqualified from receiving future benefits, they may have to re-pay their benefits, and in some cases may be prosecuted criminally. The OIG does not control the sentence ordered by the court.

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Here's How
YOU
Can
Help
**PREVENT
WELFARE
FRAUD**
in
Pennsylvania



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Did You Know...?

...that last year, the Office of Inspector General saved taxpayers **MILLIONS** of dollars by investigating reports of possible welfare fraud?

How Can You Help?

If You Know Someone on Welfare Who is:

- NOT reporting income
- NOT reporting ownership of resources or property
- NOT reporting who lives in the household
- OR is taking advantage of the system in ANY way

What Should I Know?

Reporting welfare benefits fraud is as easy as picking up the phone or sending an e-mail.

YOU COULD HELP PREVENT the following: Information led to the prosecution of a woman who falsely reported that she was working in order to receive child care benefits and medical assistance monies. The court ordered the woman to serve six years probation and pay more than **\$77,850** in restitution of the public assistance benefits she received fraudulently.

What are Welfare Benefits?

- Cash Assistance
- Food Stamps (SNAP)
- Medical Assistance
- Government-Funded Child Care
- Nursing Home Assistance
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

CALL **1-800-932-0582**

Or

Report Electronically
www.oig.state.pa.us



What is the Office of Inspector General?

The Office of Inspector General is a state investigative agency which has two operational bureaus: **The Bureau of Fraud Prevention and Prosecution (BFPP)** investigates allegations of, or related to welfare fraud. **The Bureau of Special Investigations (BSI)** investigates allegations of fraud, waste and misconduct impacting upon or involving agencies and employees under the Governor's Jurisdiction. OIG is not a law enforcement agency.