



# SCAM ALERT

## Scam: Section 8 Waiting List Scam

### Target: All Seniors

If you are seeking information regarding Section 8 housing, beware! Scam artists have created websites that appear to be registration sites for the Section 8 housing. The scammer will ask you for a fee to participate and obtain your personal information, such as Social Security Number, banking information, etc., falsely stating that the information is needed for a credit check to submit an application. The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is responsible for Section 8 waiting lists and they will *never* charge a fee to register and do not run credit checks. This is a scam!

The scammer's websites may also provide fake lists of properties that are available to rent through Section 8 if you pay the first month's rent via wire transfer or a prepaid credit card!

***This is also a scam!***

If you search online for Section 8, the top search results are often bogus sites. They may include titles or even logos that look official, but they are not real! Do not share your personal information or pay any fees to be placed on the Section 8 waiting list!

**Beware! Deceptive websites appear to be for Section 8!**

Always protect your personal information and be suspicious of anyone who asks for your personal information or for payments in advance. Here are some suggestions, to help avoid a Section 8 scam:

- ☀ Contact the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino to find out how to register for Section 8 by telephone at (909) 890-9533 and TTY at 711 or on the Internet at [www.hacsb.com](http://www.hacsb.com).
- ☀ The Housing Authority does not charge fees for its services.
- ☀ The Housing Authority will not contact you by telephone or email.
- ☀ Treat your Social Security Number and other personal information like cash!
- ☀ Do not enter personal information on a website you find through a search.

**If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020 or TDD/TTY: 909-252-4703 or your local police department.**