

## Resources

**National Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** The mission of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is to lead, mobilize and give voice to support efforts that demand a change of conditions that lead to domestic violence such as patriarchy, privilege, racism, sexism, and classism. Learn more about the NCADV by visiting, <https://ncadv.org/about-us>, or contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 737-225-3150.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness:** The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) a partnership of more than 600 local affiliates who work in the community to raise awareness and provide support and education to those in need. Learn more about NAMI by visiting, <https://www.nami.org>, or contact the NAMI Helpline at 800-950-6264 or text "Helpline" to 62640. In a crisis, call or text 988.

**Legal Aid:** The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) is an independent nonprofit established by Congress in 1974 to provide financial support for civil legal aid to low-income Americans. The LSC currently provides funding to 131 independent nonprofit legal aid organizations in every state, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, <https://www.lsc.gov/what-legal-aid/ind-legal-aid>.



## If You Are Threatened or Harassed

Your safety is paramount. If anyone threatens you or you feel that you are being harassed because you are cooperating with an investigation, you should report it to the assigned agent or Victim Specialist, if one has been assigned by the prosecutor's office. If you are in immediate danger, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.



## HUD OIG Hotline

Report allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, or misconduct related to HUD and HUD-funded programs to HUD OIG by visiting [www.hudoig.gov/hotline](http://www.hudoig.gov/hotline) or contact the HUD OIG Hotline at 1-800-347-3735 or (800) 877-8339 TTY/ASCII.

## Case Agent Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

File Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Resource Assistance for Victims of Crime

## Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigation (OI) conducts criminal, civil, and administrative investigations to prevent, detect, and respond to fraud, waste, and abuse in HUD programs and operations. This brochure is designed to provide an overview of what to expect during a HUD OIG investigation and to offer resources to anyone who may have been victimized as a result of the crimes HUD OIG is investigating.

## OIG Investigations

OI Special Agents support HUD OIG's mission by conducting thorough, accurate, and timely criminal, civil, and administrative investigations into allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct involving HUD programs and operations.

HUD OIG receives complaints or allegations from numerous sources, including the OIG Hotline. All allegations are reviewed and analyzed to determine if there are potential criminal or civil violations of law that fall within HUD OIG's authority. If it is determined that such a violation may have been committed, one or more Special Agents will conduct interviews and employ other investigative techniques to determine the facts.

HUD OIG investigations can be complex and lengthy. Special Agents may work with other federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to investigate the matter, and will work with prosecutors to bring criminal or civil charges when appropriate based on the evidence. Every effort will be made to tell you about major events in an investigation, such as an arrest or indictment. HUD OIG is committed to providing such information to you before it is made public whenever possible. However, there may be some instances when we cannot share sensitive information because of its adverse risk potential to the investigation.

## Your Rights as a Victim

The Victims' Rights and Restitution Act, 34 U.S.C. § 20141, as amended, describes rights the federal government is required to provide victims of federal crime once an investigation is opened. These rights include, but are not limited to the following:

- To be informed of the place where they may receive emergency medical and social services;
- To be informed of public and private programs available for counseling, treatment, and other support services;
- To receive reasonable protection from a suspected offender;
- To be informed of the status of the investigation of the crime, to the extent it is appropriate and will not interfere with the investigation;
- To have personal property being held for evidentiary purposes maintained in good condition and returned as soon as it is no longer needed for evidentiary purposes.

There may be additional rights, resources, and services for sexual assault victims.

## Additional Rights if Criminal Charges Are Brought

The Crime Victims' Rights Act, 18 USC 3771, as amended, sets forth additional rights for victims of federal crimes that result in criminal charges. These rights include, but are not limited to the following:

- The right to reasonable notification of public court and parole proceedings and any release of the accused;
- The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding;
- The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the government in the case;
- The right to full and timely restitution as provided in law;
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;
- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for one's dignity and privacy;
- The right to be informed of the statutory rights and services to which one is entitled.



## Resources

**Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity:** The mission of the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) is to eliminate housing discrimination, promote economic opportunity, and achieve diverse, inclusive communities by leading the nation in the enforcement, administration, development, and public understanding of federal fair housing policies and laws. Learn more about FHEO by visiting, [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/fair\\_housing\\_equal\\_opp/aboutfheo](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/aboutfheo) or call 1-800-669-9777.

**Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes:** The Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) provides funds to state and local governments to develop cost-effective ways to reduce lead-based paint hazards and enforces HUD's lead-based paint regulations to help protect children and their families from health and safety hazards in the home. Learn more about OLHCHH by visiting, [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/healthy\\_homes](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/healthy_homes).

**Office on Violence Against Women:** The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) implements the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and provides national leadership on the issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Learn more about the OVW by visiting, <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/contact-ovw> or contact one of the national hotlines below.

**Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)  
1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

**Sexual Assault Hotline:** 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

**Teen Dating Abuse Helpline:** 1-866-331-9474,  
1-866-331-8453 (TTY)

**Victim Hotline:** 1-855-4-Victim  
(855-484-2846)