

STOP SNAP FRAUD!

Using Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, formerly known as food stamps, to purchase items other than food or qualified products is a **CRIME**, punishable by program disqualification and/or incarceration.

EXAMPLES OF SNAP FRAUD:



Stealing benefits



Reselling items purchased with SNAP benefits



Buying, selling or exchanging SNAP benefits for cash



Withholding and providing false or misleading information on benefits application



“Water Dumping” or purchasing beverages in containers with returnable deposits for the sole purpose of discarding the contents and returning the containers to obtain cash refund deposits

SNAP BENEFITS CAN BE USED TO PURCHASE

breads and cereals
fruits and vegetables
meats, fish and poultry
dairy products

You can also purchase seeds and plants, which produce food for your household to eat.

SNAP benefits CANNOT be used to purchase:

beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes or tobacco
any nonfood items, such as:

firearms, bullets, explosives or drugs
pet food
soap, paper products
household supplies
vitamins and medicine

SEE FRAUD? REPORT FRAUD.

The Department of Human Services' (DHS) Office of Program Review, Monitoring and Investigations (OPRMI) prevent, detect and prosecute acts of waste, fraud and abuse.

Report misuse and abuse of the SNAP or any other benefit program administered by the DHS such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Medicaid, by contacting the Fraud Hotline at **202.673.4464** or email **OPRMI@dc.gov**.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE MAILED TO:

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Monitoring and Investigation**
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