



PREVENT DISASTER FRAUD

Know how to spot a potential scam!

- When approached by a FEMA representative, always ask to see their FEMA employee ID badge.
- A FEMA shirt or jacket is not proof of identity. All FEMA representatives, including inspectors, will have a laminated photo ID.

- FEMA representatives will never ask for or accept money, nor charge applicants for disaster assistance, home inspections or help filling out applications.
- Note that FEMA representatives cannot promise expedited disaster assistance claims. Be cautious of anyone who makes that promise.
- Do not sign anything you don't understand or contracts with blank spaces.

- If you are unsure or uncomfortable with anyone you encounter claiming to be an emergency management official, do not give out personal information, and immediately contact local law enforcement.

Don't Fall Victim

The most common practices of disaster fraud are...

- Phony housing inspectors
- Fraudulent building contractors
- Bogus pleas for donations
- Fake offers for state or federal aid for a fee

****You don't need anyone to represent you for FEMA assistance or to receive help from charitable organizations.****

If you suspect fraud, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud's hotline at 1-866-720-5721