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## **ADOH Issues Warning to Consumers Regarding Potential Section 8 Fraud**

Phoenix – The Arizona Housing Department of Housing (ADOH) is warning consumers who are seeking Section 8 housing to be cautious of fraudulent solicitations and websites. The Federal Trade Commission is reporting that scammers have posted fake Section 8 waiting-list lottery sites that ask for personal information and even fees, but don't enroll victims on lists. Some offer housing listings in exchange for a month's rent via wire transfer or prepaid card.

These fake websites look similar to registration sites for Section 8 waiting lists; however, housing authorities do not charge fees, and they will not reach out to you by phone or email to suggest that you join a waiting list. A housing authority also will never ask you to wire money or pay with a prepaid card. Those are sure signs of a scam.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has issued tips to help consumers avoid becoming victim to this scam:

- Contact your local housing authority to find out how to register for the Section 8 waiting list. If you do not have this information, it can be found on the HUD website ([www.HUD.gov](http://www.HUD.gov))
- Know that housing authorities do not charge fees, and they won't reach out to you by phone or email to suggest that you join a waiting list. A housing authority also will never ask you to wire money or pay with a prepaid card.
- Treat your Social Security number and other personal information, such as credit card number, like cash.

ADOH is asking individuals who believe that they have come across this type of consumer fraud to contact the Arizona Attorney General's Office at (602) 542-5763. You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) through their website at <https://www.ftc.gov/complaint>, or by email to HUD at [Hotline@HUDOIG.gov](mailto:Hotline@HUDOIG.gov).

For additional information, call the FTC at 1-877-382-4357, or HUD's Public Housing Authority at 1-800-955-2232.

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