

HOW DO I REPORT SNAP FRAUD?

You may report SNAP fraud and abuse to the
Mississippi Department of Human Services
(MDHS) by

calling the toll free hotline at
1-800-299-6905

or writing to
MDHS
PO BOX 352
Jackson, MS 39205

You may also report SNAP fraud and abuse to
the USDA, Office of Inspector General
by calling the toll free hotline at
1-800-424-9121

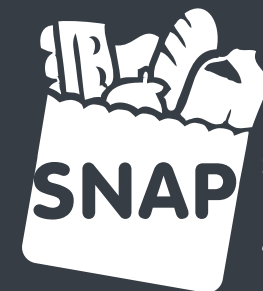
Or writing to
USDA, OIG
PO Box 23399
Washington, DC 20026

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What is SNAP Fraud?

SNAP fraud happens at the application process when someone is not truthful to qualify for SNAP when that person would otherwise not be qualified.

SNAP fraud also happens when SNAP benefits are exchanged for something other than food, such as cash, drugs or any non approved item.



What **CAN** be bought with SNAP benefits?

Foods for you and your household to eat such as: breads, cereals, fruits, vegetables, dairy, meats, fish, and poultry.

Seeds and plants which produce food for you and your household to eat.



What **CANNOT** be bought with SNAP benefits?

Beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes, tobacco, hot foods or foods that will be eaten in the store, any nonfood item.

What are the penalties for SNAP fraud?

Individuals found guilty of an intentional program violation will be disqualified from the SNAP program and could face fines and incarceration.

SNAP disqualification penalty time frames;

1st offense- 12 months

2nd offense- 24 months

3rd offense- permanently

With these exceptions:

Buying illegal drugs with SNAP- 1st offense 24 months

Fraudulently receiving multiple SNAP benefits at the same due to false identity or residence- 1st offense- 10 years

Buying firearms, ammunition or explosives with SNAP- 1st offense permanent

If convicted by a court of an aggregate amount of \$500- 1st offense- permanent.