



# INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES

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## INTENTIONAL PROGRAM VIOLATIONS

An intentional program violation (IPV) is considered to have occurred when a household member knowingly, willingly, and with deceitful intent:

- A. Makes a false or misleading statement, or misrepresents, conceals, or withholds facts in order to obtain Food Distribution Program benefits that the household is not entitled to receive; or
- B. Commits any act that violates a Federal statute or regulation relating to the acquisition or use of Food Distribution Program commodities.

Only the household member determined to have committed the IPV will be disqualified – not the entire household.

## PENALTIES

Household members determined by the ITO/State agency to have committed an IPV will be ineligible to participate in the program:

- A. For a period of 12 months for the first violation;
- B. For a period of 24 months for the second violation; and
- C. Permanently for the third violation.

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I have read the program violation policy and understand the penalties for committing violations.

Please have each member of the household 18 and older sign

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SIGNATURE OF HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

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DATE

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SIGNATURE OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

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DATE

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