



South Staffordshire Council

BENEFIT CHEATS ARE STEALING FROM YOU!

Last year benefit fraudsters stole over £3 billion of your money. This money could have been spent on your local community, your local services. We need your help to beat the cheats.

If you suspect benefit fraud tell us, don't leave it to someone else.
You can report a fraud in confidence by:

- Speaking anonymously to a Benefit Investigator on Tel 01902-696620/696619/696635.
- Calling, free of charge, the 24-hour investigation Hot line 0500 658 008.
- E-mailing the Investigation Team on Benefitsinvestigation@sstaffs.gov.uk
- Sending a Fax to the Investigation Team on 01902-696630.
- Filling in an online Fraud Referral at www.sstaffs.gov.uk

Or you can return this form to:

Benefit Services Investigation Team
South Staffordshire Council
PO Box 1644
Wolverhampton
WV8 1ZF

Guidance on reporting a suspected fraud

We have listed some of the information that helps us to get positive results from our investigations:

- The name, address and a description of the person you are reporting.
- What you think they are doing wrong e.g. not declaring work or income, undeclared partner or lodger, hiding savings/investments.
- If they are working it helps if you can provide any details of their job, employer, the days they work, the times they go out to work / return from work, how they travel (car, bus etc) and with whom they travel, the details of how they dress e.g. uniform?
- If they have a partner can you tell us their name, when they moved in, what they do for a living, what they look like, can you provide a description of their vehicle (make, colour, registration)?
- If you suspect someone of having undeclared income or savings do you know where the money comes from e.g. maintenance payments, pension payments, inheritance? If the money is paid into an account do you know where the account is held e.g. Name of bank or building society? Do you know the branch details?

Important

Remember you do not have to have the answers to all of the above questions to report a suspected fraud but any information you can provide will assist our investigation.

If in doubt contact and speak to a Benefit Investigator in complete confidence. We are here to help and advise you. You will not be expected to give your name and we will not try to identify you.

