

CENSUS

What to do when a census worker visits you?

- Questionnaires will be mailed in March 2010.
- to every address in the US.

The big question:

How do you tell the difference between a US Census worker and a con artist?

If someone knocks at your door and says they are a census worker:

- Ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with their name and may have a "Census Bureau" bag....the badges are not black and white.
- Census worker will never ask to enter your home.
- If you are not certain about their identity, you can call the Local Census Office at 810-600-5140 to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau.

Census Day is April 1, 2010.

Census worker will:

- visit your home if questionnaires are not mailed back or information is not completed.
- gather information about every person living at each address.
- ask for information on name, age, gender, race, or other relevant data.

DON'T:

- give your social security number
- provide credit card information
- release your banking information

Anyone asking for this information is **not** with the Census Bureau.

DON'T:

- answer an email claiming to be from the Census Bureau

The Census Bureau **will not** contact anyone by email.

DID YOU KNOW:

- The federal government uses census numbers to allocate more than \$400 billion in federal funds annually for community programs and services:
 - education
 - health and human services
 - housing
 - job training
- State and local governments use census information for planning and allocating funds for:
 - new school construction
 - location of police and fire departments
 - new roads and bridges
 - public transportation systems
- Communities may use census information to develop:
 - social service programs
 - lunch programs
 - child-care centers
- Business use census information to identify locations for:
 - factories
 - movie theaters
 - shopping centers
 - banks and offices
- Census totals are used to determine how many seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives and allocation of seats in State Legislature.