



**FEMA**

## **Attention Hurricane Sandy survivors: BE AWARE AND BEWARE OF FRAUD**

Helpful hints to avoid fraud include:

- ✓ Ask to see the inspector's identification badge
- ✓ Never provide Social Security or bank account numbers to inspectors
- ✓ Check with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at 800-242-5846 to make sure your contractor is registered
- ✓ Ask for a copy of your contractor's liability insurance and verify that the policy is valid
- ✓ All contracts should be in writing and reviewed before being signed
  
- If you suspect you have been a victim of fraud, call the FEMA fraud hotline at **800-323-8603**
- Or call the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at **800-242-5846**
- All calls are confidential

*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, economic status or retaliation. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, you should call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or contact your State Office of Equal Rights.*

*If suspicious of any abuse of FEMA programs, please contact the fraud hotline at 800-323-8603.*