

Housing Choice~quarterly

Summer 2006

Welcome to *Housing Choice~quarterly*! This quarterly newsletter is designed especially for YOU...the Housing Choice Voucher Program participant. You'll receive valuable information on up-coming events, workshops and up-dates to program rules and regulations. We hope you enjoy receiving the *Housing Choice~quarterly*. If you have questions or comments regarding this newsletter, please contact us at 522-7815 or email wwha@wallawallaha.org.

Notify your landlord when...

- your home needs repairs;
- you wish to have a guest;
- you'll be away from home for a number of days (refer to your lease agreement).

Keeping the lines of communication is important in your landlord-tenant relationship.

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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

Know the Rules...SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Article from the Nation Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Everyday millions of children take to the streets and roadways to get to and from school. They walk, ride their bikes or scooters, take the bus, and arrive in automobiles with one purpose -- getting to and from school safely. Children, especially young children, may not understand the safety rules, that is why it is important for parents and responsible adults to supervise young children and practice safety skills with older children. The following tips will help parents prepare children for a safer journey.

- Instruct children to always TAKE A FRIEND when walking or riding bikes to and from school. Walk and ride in well-lit areas and never take shortcuts. Always follow walking and riding rules.
- Walk the route to and from school with your children, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they are being followed or need help. Make a map with your children showing acceptable routes to school, using main roads, avoiding shortcuts and isolated areas. The map will be a good guide if your children ever need help finding their way.
- Even though there is safety in numbers, it is still NOT safe for young children to walk to and from school, especially if they must take an isolated route. Always provide supervision for young children, whether it is you as a parent or responsible adult, to help ensure their safe arrival to and from school.
- Children should stay in a group while waiting at the bus stop. If anyone bothers your child while going to or from school, teach



your child to GET AWAY from that person and to TELL a trusted adult. Remember to teach children that adults should ask other adults for help or directions, not children.

- Visit the bus stop with your children and help them learn their bus number, not just the driver. This will help to avoid confusion of which bus they are to ride.
- Teach children if someone ever tries to take them somewhere that they should quickly get away and YELL for HELP; "This person is not my mother/father".
- Children should be taught to NEVER leave school with someone they don't know or feel comfortable with. They should always CHECK FIRST with you or another trusted adult. If someone they don't know or feel comfortable with tells that there is an emergency and they want your child to go with them, your child should always CHECK FIRST before doing anything. Make sure your children understand to TELL a trusted adult if they notice someone they don't know hanging around the school.
- Remember to regularly practice these safety rules with your children to make certain that they really understand them. Make the walk to and from school a teachable moment and a chance to put their skills to the test.

For more information about school safety and other child safety topics, visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) website at www.missingkids.com or call toll-free at 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am to 6:00 pm
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Mark Your Calendar
Up-Coming
Office Closures

September 4th
Labor Day

November 23rd & 24th
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 25th
Christmas Day



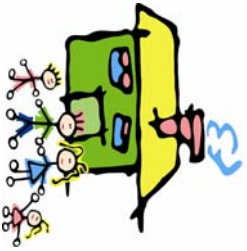
REPORT CHANGES

Changes in your family's household composition or income are required to be reported within ten (10) days of the change.

Household composition and income are key factors in determining the level of assistance a family is eligible to receive.

Reporting these types of changes will ensure you receive the correct assistance amount and avoid overpayments. If you have any questions, contact your Rental Specialist, Nina Hill at 527-4607 or David Mitchell at 522-7813; or the Rental Assistance Manager, Jason Hahn at 527-4606.

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