



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

Ministry of Social Development and Family Services



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Social Development Ministry Warns Against Fraudulent Grant Cheques

Port of Spain – The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services advises all financial institutions to be alert in the processing of grant cheques, following the increase in reports of counterfeit cheques targeting Senior Citizens Pension, as well as Disability and Public Assistance Grants. Supermarkets, groceries and District Revenue Offices are asked to exercise heightened vigilance while processing grant cheques.

To mitigate risks, the Ministry strongly urges all vendors and financial institutions to undertake rigorous verification processes before accepting cheques for payment, as enhanced scrutiny is essential to safeguard your business from losses due to fraudulent transactions. Any suspected presentation of counterfeit cheques should be reported immediately to the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service.

While the Ministry has successfully implemented measures to combat counterfeit cheque fraud over the past year, it is imperative to reiterate that any cheque determined to be counterfeit will not be honoured by the Central Bank.

The Ministry further encourages grant recipients to register for Direct Deposit Services. This secure payment method ensures that clients receive their grants promptly and eliminates exposure to fraudulent cheque activity.

The Ministry of Social Development and Family Services remains steadfast in its commitment to combating fraud and protecting the welfare of its clients. For additional information please contact 800-1MSD (1673).

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