



## Abington Township Police Department Crime Prevention Unit

### Important Census Survey Information January 25, 2010

#### U.S. Census Survey Begins!

With the U.S. Census process beginning, residents are being advised to be cooperative, but **cautious**, so as not to become a victim of Fraud or Identity Theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway. More than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the U.S. and gather information about every person living at each address, including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

#### The Big Question Is

*How do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist?*

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a government I.D. badge, handheld device, a canvas Census Bureau bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their I.D. badge before answering any questions. **A Census worker should not ask to enter a home to conduct the survey and, you should never invite anyone you do not know into your home.**

Census workers are only currently knocking on doors to verify address information. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as salary range, it will not ask for Social Security numbers, etc. You do not have to answer anything at all about your financial situation. **Do not give your social security number, credit card numbers or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census Bureau.**

#### E-Mail Alert

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home; however, **they will not contact you by e-mail.** Be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the census survey or Census Bureau. **Never** click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

If you are still not certain about a Census worker's identity or have any questions, please call the Abington Police at 267-536-1100 or the Regional Census Center for the Philadelphia area at 215-717-1020 or Regional Partnership Group at 215-717-1074.

For more Crime Prevention information go to the Abington Police website at [www.abingtonpd.org](http://www.abingtonpd.org) or call the Crime Prevention Unit at 267-536-1075.