



**Media Alert**  
**22 July 2024**

**PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST HOUSING SCAMS**

Housing scams in the Province are becoming more prevalent and the Department of Human Settlements is warning the public to be vigilant against unscrupulous people selling RDP houses.

It is important to note that the Department does not sell RDP houses or land and does not charge the public for its services.

“Please be aware of unscrupulous individuals taking advantage of unsuspecting members of the public by pretending to act on behalf of the Gauteng Department of Human Settlements. These scammers falsely claim to be senior officials, such as Directors, MEC’s, or Heads of Department, to sound more legitimate,” said Head of Communications for the Department, Tahir Sema.

The public is urged to be alert and not fall victim to the increasing number of scams, especially regarding houses and land.

“We strongly urge you not to fall victim to anyone asking for money to:

- Jump the housing waiting list.
- Buy RDP houses.
- Purchase land through one of the Department's programs.

If you encounter any suspicious activity or receive such offers, please report them immediately to the local authorities. Stay vigilant and protect yourself from these fraudulent schemes,” Sema said.

Members of the public may also report any suspicious looking forms, posters, activity, and or corruption in the housing value chain to the Department via email: [GDHSEthics.gov.za](mailto:GDHSEthics.gov.za)

The public can contact the Department for basic information on:

Email – [GDHuSinfo@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:GDHuSinfo@gauteng.gov.za)

Facebook – GDHumanSettlement

X - @GP\_DHS

Instagram - GP\_humansettlements

All specific housing related queries like enquiries regarding the waiting list and applications for new subsidies can only be done in person at one of our Customer Support Centres:

- Johannesburg: 129 Fox Street, Marshalltown
- Ekurhuleni: 68 Voortrekker Road, Nevada Building, Alberton
- Tshwane: 50 Hamilton Street, Gilboa Building, Arcadia
- West Rand / Mogale City: 56 Kruger & Burger St, Lubners Bld Krugersdorp
- Vaal Region: 28 Market Avenue, Vereeniging.

Enquiries: Gift Langa - Spokesperson, MEC Tasneem Motara. Email address: [Gift.Langa@gauteng.gov.za](mailto:Gift.Langa@gauteng.gov.za) and cell phone number: 0719412441.

End.