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# **FRAUD ALERT!**

## **BE COUNTED NOT CONNED**



**The U.S. Constitution requires** that a census be conducted every 10 years. This March, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and will contain 10 questions that you will be asked to answer and send back to the Census Bureau.

If you do not mail your form back, a census taker may come to your home and ask you about the questions on the form. If this happens, remember these following items to make sure you're dealing with a legitimate census taker and not a con-artist hoping to get your personal information for fraudulent use.

- Every census worker will have an official government badge marked with just their name; they may also be carrying a "U.S. Census Bureau" bag. You can also ask for a picture ID from another source to confirm the person's identity.
- If you want to further check the identity of the census taker, you can call the regional office for Colorado at 720-475-3640 to confirm that the person is employed by the Census Bureau.
- A legitimate census taker will never ask to enter your home.
- Census takers do not collect information about your taxes or your income; they will also never ask for your Social Security Number.
- A census taker may have a GPS device with them. This device helps them locate addresses; all information from the device (along with all the other information gathered by the census taker) is kept confidential.

Another item of note: the Census Bureau will never ask for any information to be submitted online. Disregard any e-mail that claims to be from the Census Bureau and requests your information.

Take precaution when dealing with people at your doorstep and, as always, guard your personal financial information.

**Contact your local police agency if you think you are a victim of a crime.  
To contact the Weld County District Attorney's Office, call (970) 356-4010 ext. 4702.**