



Richardson Police Department's Quick Reference Guide to Census Taker Visits

The 2010 U.S. Census has been underway since Spring, 2009, when area census workers began contacting residents to verify their home addresses. This year, 2010, the actual information-gathering will begin. This guide is intended to help residents protect themselves and their identity during this process, but does not include all available information on the 2010 Census.

2010 Census timeline—

March, 2010- Official census survey forms are mailed to every recorded household in the nation. You are required by law to participate in the census by answering all ten (*) questions, then returning the completed form to the Census Bureau by postal mail.

**Note- there are additional questions pertaining to any additional residents of your household.*

April 1, 2010- National Census Day. The census count applies to all residents of every household as of this specific date. Mail in your completed form as soon as possible.

April - July, 2010- Census enumerators will visit in person those households that did not mail in their completed census survey form on or about April 1, 2010.

- Enumerators will carry official government badges marked with the worker's name. The worker may also carry a "U.S. Census Bureau" canvas bag.
- Enumerators will never ask to enter your home.
- If you are uncertain as to their legitimacy, contact the Dallas Regional Center at 214-253-4400 (or TDD 214-655-5363) to verify the worker's credentials.
- Enumerators may visit your home up to three times to attempt contact with a resident. If you are not at home, a number will be left for the resident to call to set up an appointment for a return visit.
- The only telephone contact between residents and census workers is to set up appointments for visits or to address unanswered or ambiguous responses on the survey form.
No financial or personal identifying information should be requested by a legitimate census worker (nor should you provide) it over the telephone.
- A legitimate census enumerator will not ask for personal financial or identifying information such as Social Security numbers, bank account or credit card numbers, nor will enumerators solicit donations or payments of any kind.
- There will be no legitimate census contacts by e-mail.

For more information, consult the City of Richardson website @ www.cor.net,
the Census website at www.2010.census.gov or the

Better Business Bureau website at <http://necal.bbb.org/article/2010-census--be-cooperative-but-cautious-13617>



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