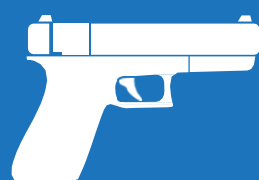


EBT CARD RESTRICTIONS

WHAT YOU CAN'T BUY

It is illegal for you to use Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) cash assistance benefits to pay for the following purchases or services:



FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION



JEWELRY



COURT-ORDERED FEES, FINES, BAIL, OR BAIL BONDS



TATTOOS OR BODY PIERCINGS



GAMBLING/LOTTERY (SLOT MACHINES, HORSE RACING, KENO, CASINO GAMING, LOTTERY TICKETS, ETC.)



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA



TELEVISIONS, STEREOS, VIDEO GAMES OR CONSOLES AT RENT-TO-OWN STORES



ADULT ENTERTAINMENT MATERIALS/ PERFORMANCES



VACATION SERVICES (CRUISE SHIPS, RESORTS, ETC.)

PENALTIES INCLUDE

1 FIRST OFFENSE

The first time you buy any of these items or services with your cash benefits, you must pay DTA back the amount of the items or services.

2 SECOND OFFENSE

If you buy any of these items or services with your cash benefits a second time, you must pay DTA back the amount of the items or services **AND** you will lose your cash assistance for two months.

3 THIRD OFFENSE

If you buy any of these items or services with your cash benefits a third time, you must pay DTA back the amount of the items or services **AND** you will lose cash assistance permanently.

For more information, call **1-877-382-2363**
To report a prohibited purchase, call **1-800-FRAUD-99**

Per M.G.L. c.18, § 5J

