

### **Government officials want me to sign papers for my house to be upgraded? What papers are these?**

If you have qualified for a housing upgrade, government officials will visit you to get your permission for the upgrade to begin. Government needs the home owner to sign the consent form that allows government to upgrade their houses. If the consent form is not signed by the home or land owner, then government cannot begin with the upgrade. No one else, such as a tenant or relative is allowed to sign the consent form. It has to be the owner.

### **I am afraid that I can lose my house if I give government officials my title deed. What should I do?**

You should never give any officials your original documents such as your title deeds or ID document. The government officials need to have a copy of your documents to ensure that you are the legal owner of the house or land and to check if you qualify for the housing upgrade. If you need help making copies of your documents, please visit the EDF or Gauteng Department of Housing ERP Offices – see contact details below.

### **Who can I contact for more information?**

For more information on the housing upgrade programmes, you can visit or contact any one of the following offices:

- MIH Project Office at the Wilberforce Community College in Evaton or contact Sibongile Mbatha on 073 000 3480.
- If you have a problem with the ownership of your house or with lost title deeds, you can contact the legal team: Molefe-Dlepu Attorneys on (011) 331 9861 / 2.
- Evaton Development Forum (EDF) offices in Mafatsane or call them on 016 596 7086.
- Department of Housing ERP offices at the Richard Robert Wright Seminary, at the corner of Bodea & Buffalo Roads or call 083 601 7272.
- Emfuleni Local Municipality offices, corner Klasie Havenga and Frikkie Meyer Boulevard, Vanderbijlpark or call (016) 950 5000.



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