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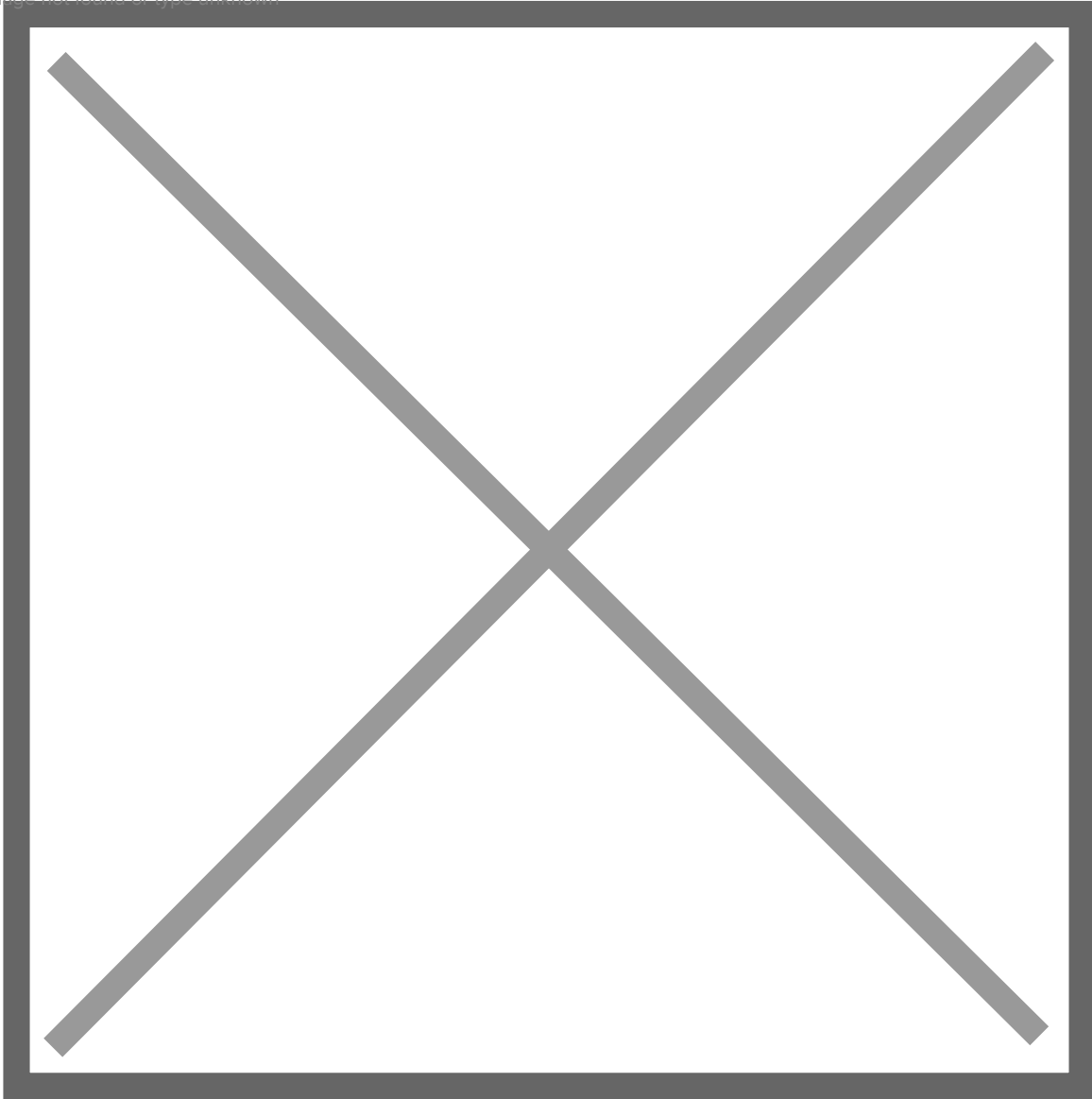
## Don't Ignore a Fema Bill Collection or Recoupment Letter

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| ISSUE: **EMERGENCY SERVICES OR FEMA**

**Many People Who Received FEMA Grants After Superstorm Sandy Will Receive a Letter From FEMA Asking for the Money to be Repaid. The Letter Could be About Rental Assistance, Home Repair, Personal Property Assistance or Any Other FEMA Benefit.**

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**DO NOT IGNORE FEMA'S LETTER!!**

\*The letter is usually called a "Bill for Collection" or "Notice of Debt".

\*The letter may say that you should not have been granted benefits or that you received too much money.

\*The letter may say you received insurance money for the same loss (a duplication of benefits).

\*It will say that you have to pay back the money right away and that you will be charged interest after 30 days.

\*You have the right to appeal if FEMA's information or reasoning is wrong or if you cannot afford to repay the money.

IF YOU DON'T CHALLENGE FEMA'S LETTER, INTEREST AND PENALTIES MAY START TO ACCRUE.

EVENTUALLY, FEMA COULD START A DEBT COLLECTION ACTION AND YOUR TAX RETURNS, SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND WAGES COULD BE AT RISK!

**SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

