

Whistleblower Disclosures



The Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 provides the right for every employee to make whistleblower disclosures and ensures protection from reprisal.

Whistleblower protection applies to disclosures that a Government employee makes about:

-  Violation of a law, rule, or regulation.
-  Gross mismanagement.
-  Gross waste of funds.
-  Abuse of authority.
-  Substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

The protection of Federal employee whistleblowers falls within the province of the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), an independent agency. Whistleblowers must make their disclosures to OSC in writing. To facilitate this process, Form OSC-12, Disclosure of Information, may be used to file a disclosure. To locate the form, go to <http://www.osc.gov/wbdisc.htm>, and click either the **File Disclosures Online** link or the **Disclosure Form** link. Use of the form is not mandatory. However, if you do not use the form, it is important to include your name, address, and telephone numbers. For valuable information and telephone numbers for reporting purposes, refer to *The Role of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel* at <http://www.osc.gov/documents/pubs/oscrole.pdf>.

Federal employees have the right to be free from prohibited personnel practices, including retaliation for whistleblowing. For further information, please access the OSC Web site at <http://www.osc.gov/>.

In addition to the OSC, NASA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) is also mandated to root out fraud, waste, and abuse. OIG investigates matters that are most important in protecting taxpayers' investments, while ensuring those who raise the issues are protected from reprisal. For more information about communicating with OIG, please visit: <http://oig.nasa.gov/hotline.html>.

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