

Fraud Hotline

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of fraud, waste or abuse against the County does the Fraud Hotline investigate?

Criminal offenses investigated include, but are not limited to:

- Theft or Forgery
- Tampering with a governmental record
- Securing execution of document by deception
- Conversion of funds
- Abuse of official capacity
- Gift to a public servant by a person subject to his or her jurisdiction
- Breach of computer security
- Bribery

Do I have to provide my name and contact information to submit a report to the Fraud Hotline?

You may choose to remain anonymous, and if so, you will need to provide as much detail as possible so that the appropriate course of action can be determined.

If you fill out the contact information, a member of the Department of Finance, Auditor-Controller's Office may contact you to discuss your report or to request additional information.

What kind of information should I include in my report?

Information to include:

- Contact information for follow up:
 - Phone number
 - Email address
 - Mailing address
- Date of incident or date of when it was discovered
 - Information regarding person(s) involved in the incident to include: Name(s), job title(s)
- Detailed description of the incident

What happens to the report after the Hotline receives it?

The Department of Finance, Auditor-Controller's Office reviews the information that is provided. In some cases, the Auditor-Controller's Office staff may contact you to discuss your complaint or to request additional information. Or, a complaint may be referred to another department or agency for its assessment and possible action if deemed appropriate.

As a County employee/contractor, may I report suspicious activities or fraudulent acts against the County through the Fraud Hotline?

Not only can members of the public make a report, County employees/contractors are encouraged, when aware of a situation, to report suspicious activities or fraudulent acts against the County to the Fraud Hotline.

What about retaliation?

No person acting on behalf of the County shall retaliate against anyone who in good faith reports suspected fraud, including:

- Dismiss or threaten to dismiss an employee; or
- Discipline, suspend, threaten to discipline or suspend an employee; or
- Impose a penalty upon an employee; or
- Intimidate or coerce an employee because the employee has acted in accordance with the requirements of the policy.

The violation of this section will result in discipline up to and including dismissal.

May I obtain the status of a complaint after it has been reported?

Yes. If contact information is provided, Auditor-Controller's Office staff may contact you regarding the status of the complaint.

Fraud Hotline Contact Information

[Fraud Hotline Email](#) - 916-874-7822 (TDD callers: 1-800-735-2929 or 711 for California Relay Service)

Or mail: Fraud Hotline

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