REPORT IMPROPER ACTIVITY

You can report improper acts

Improper acts by a state agency or employee, such as:
- Violation of state or federal law.
- Noncompliance with an executive order, a Rule of Court, the State Administrative Manual, or the State Contracting Manual.
- Misuse or waste of state resources.
- Gross misconduct, incompetence, or inefficiency.

Some of the most commonly reported improper acts include misuse of state property, improper travel expenditures, and time and attendance abuse.

We investigate complaints

The California State Auditor investigates complaints and reports the results of substantiated allegations to the:
- Head of the employing agency.
- Legislature, Governor, and appropriate law enforcement agencies.
- General public, keeping identities confidential.

The California State Auditor does not have the authority to investigate:
- Violations of a department’s internal policies or procedures.
- Local government agencies and employees.

We protect your identity

The Whistleblower Protection Act requires the California State Auditor to protect your identity and prohibits retaliation, intimidation, threats, or coercion by state employees that could interfere with your right to disclose improper activities.

If you feel that you have been retaliated against for reporting an improper governmental activity, you should report this immediately to one of the following agencies:
- State and court employees: write to the State Personnel Board at 801 Capitol Mall, MS53, Sacramento, CA 95814.
- University of California (UC) employees: contact the locally designated official for the UC facility at which you are employed.
- California State University employees: write to the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources at 310 Golden Shore, Room 115, Long Beach, CA 90802 or contact the appointed campus administrator.

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How to report

(800) 952–5665 phone
(916) 322–2603 fax

Investigations
California State Auditor
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Sacramento, CA 95812

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Note: We do not accept complaints via e-mail.

To view an informational webinar hosted by CalHR, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WFYLhJDOss

Pursuant to California Government Code section 8548.2, each state agency shall post this notice at its state office(s) in locations where employee notices are maintained. In compliance with California Labor Code section 1102.8, if you have information regarding possible violations of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations, or violations of fiduciary responsibility by a corporation or limited liability company to its shareholders, investors, or employees, call the California State Attorney General’s Whistleblower Hotline at 1-800-952-5225.

Contact the Whistleblower Hotline by phone, web, or mail

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