



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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WHISTLEBLOWER HOTLINE

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What You Can Report:

Any activity by UC or a UC employee that:

- violates University policy
- violates a state or federal law or regulation, such as:
 - corruption
 - malfeasance
 - bribery
 - theft or misuse of government property
 - fraud
 - coercion
 - conversion
- wastes money, or involves gross misconduct, gross incompetence, or gross inefficiency.

Where To Report:

- Systemwide Whistleblower Hotline
(800) 403-4744
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- Your Supervisor
- UC Merced Locally Designated Official (LDO):
Luanna Putney
lputney@ucmerced.edu or (209) 201-3491
- Senior Vice President & Chief Compliance & Audit
Officer: Alexander Bustamante
alexander.bustamante@ucop.edu or (510) 987-0480

How To Report:

- In writing or orally
- With as much specific factual information as possible (Report what you know, but don't investigate—leave that to the experts)
- Anonymously, if preferred.

Confidentiality will be maintained, to the extent possible.

Other Reporting Mechanisms:

- California State Auditor's Whistleblower Hotline:
(800) 952-5665
www.auditor.ca.gov/hotline
- California Attorney General's Hotline:
(800) 952-5225

You may also report fraud, waste & abuse involving specific Federal programs directly. Information on Federal whistleblower programs can be found at <https://www.ucop.edu/uc-whistleblower/index.html>

Protection from Retaliation:

If you believe you have been retaliated against for blowing the whistle on improper activity, you may file a complaint with your Locally Designated Official, your Human Resources Department, your Academic Personnel office or your supervisor.