

# OIG Hotline

## Report Fraud Now!

The OIG Hotline is available for anyone who knows of or suspects fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, or violations of laws and regulations involving ED funds or programs. This includes allegations of suspected wrongdoing by ED employees, contractors, grantees, schools and school officials, persons in positions of trust involving ED funds or programs, collection agencies, recipients of student financial assistance, or lending institutions. If you have knowledge of any wrongdoing involving ED funds or operations, let us know! **Click the button below to get started.**

**REPORT HERE**

- [What to Report to the OIG Hotline](#)
- [What Not to Report to the OIG Hotline](#)

## Disclosing Classified Information

A disclosure of waste, fraud, or abuse that includes classified information is not a protected disclosure under the whistleblower laws unless the disclosure is made in accordance with the laws and rules that govern the proper handling and transmission of classified information. A disclosure is protected if it is based on a reasonable belief that wrongdoing has occurred and if the disclosure is made to a person or entity that is authorized to receive it. You can make a protected disclosure of classified information to the OIG, but the information **may not be** transmitted using the OIG's unclassified hotline website.

If you have a complaint to file that requires the disclosure of classified information, please call the OIG Hotline at 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733) or contact the **nearest investigative office** and state that you have a complaint to file, but it involves classified information.

## Other Submission Methods

You can also download the OIG Hotline Form and mail or fax it to our office. Please note that it will take longer to process your complaint if submitted by mail or fax. We recommend that you file an **online complaint**.

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Office of Inspector General Hotline  
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington D.C. 20202-1500  
Fax: (202) 245-7047

If you need assistance, please visit our **Frequently Asked Questions** page or call the OIG Hotline at 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733)

Operators are available\*:

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Tuesday and Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST

*\*Except Federal holidays*