



Whistleblower Hotline

universityofcalifornia.edu/hotline • (800) 403-4744

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
 - fraud
 - malfeasance
 - coercion
 - bribery
 - conversion
 - theft or misuse of government property
- wastes money, or involves gross misconduct, gross incompetence, or gross inefficiency

Where you can report

- **Systemwide Whistleblower Hotline:**
universityofcalifornia.edu/hotline or (800) 403-4744
- **Your Supervisor or Department Head**
- **Locally Designated Official:**
Viola Kinsman vkinsman@ucmerced.edu or (209) 291-5150

How you can report

- In writing or verbally
- 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:
www.auditor.ca.gov/hotline or (800) 952-5665
- 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 or Academic Personnel office, or your supervisor.