



# Whistleblowing

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**A "whistleblower" discloses information he or she reasonably believes evidences:**

- A violation of any law, rule or regulation
  - Gross mismanagement
  - A gross waste of funds
  - An abuse of authority
  - A substantial and specific danger to public health or safety
  - Censorship related to scientific research if censorship meets one of the above-listed categories
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