

# Tulare County

# Fraud Hotline



Phone: (559) 636-5230 \* 221 S. Mooney Blvd, Rm 101-E, Visalia, CA 93291



## WHAT IS THE TULARE COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE?

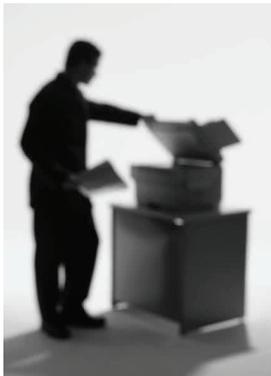
Tulare County has financial and operating controls in place to provide reasonable assurance that fraudulent, illegal, or dishonest activity by county employees, officers, business contacts, or others is prevented or detected. To ensure our controls are effective, a Fraud Hotline has been established to report improper or inappropriate activities within the county organization not identified by existing controls.

## WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF COMPLAINTS THAT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE TULARE COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE?



- An employee is being paid inappropriately, such as receiving overtime without working overtime.
- A county credit card is being used for personal business.
- Supplies are being used for a side business.
- Fraud, waste, abuse, ethics violations, theft, embezzlement, misuse of county equipment and any other complaints of a similar nature.
- Any other illegal or questionable acts that have a financial impact on the County.

## DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE MY NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION WHEN I PLACE A CALL TO THE TULARE COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE?



- No, you may remain completely anonymous. If you choose to remain anonymous, please make sure to provide as much detail as possible in your report so that the appropriate course of action can be determined.
- If you choose to leave your contact information, a member of the Auditor -Controller's Financial Reporting and Audits Division may contact you to discuss your report or to request additional information.

## WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION SHOULD I BE PREPARED TO REPORT?

- Date or period incident(s) occurred.
- Person(s) or Agency(ies) involved, name, position, department, address, phone, etc.
- A detailed description of the incident: what, when, where, how, and who was involved or may be aware of the incident. Please be as detailed as possible and feel free to include any additional information that may help with our review.
- Optionally, your contact information: Name, address, city, state, zip, phone, email, etc.
- You have the option to contact the hotline by phone, submit the form online, or file a paper report by mail. Refer to the number and address listed above.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE REPORT AFTER THE HOTLINE RECEIVES IT?

The Financial Reporting and Audits Division of the Auditor-Controller's Office answers the hotline during business hours and reviews the information that is provided. In some cases, you may be contacted to discuss your complaint or request additional information. A complaint may be referred to another department or agency for its assessment and possible action, if deemed appropriate.

## WHERE DO I REPORT NON-COUNTY RELATED CONCERNS?

- Complaints regarding outside organizations should be directed to the respective organizations' hotlines or governing body. The following numbers are provided for your convenience:
  - Child Abuse: 1-800-331-1585
  - Welfare Fraud: 559-623-0250
  - Consumer Fraud: 559-636-5410
  - Medi-Cal Fraud: 1-800-822-6222
  - Worker's Compensation Fraud: 559-636-5410
  - Elder Abuse: 1-877-657-3092

**REPORT**  
**Fraud, Waste and Abuse**



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