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FRAUD HOTLINE

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- Abuse of Work Hours
- Computer Fraud
- Contractor Improprieties
- Inspector Improprieties
- Internet/E-mail Abuse
- Management Improprieties
- Theft of Cash/Equipment
- Inappropriate Access of Confidential Information
- HIPAA Violations
- Substance Abuse
- Other Improper Activities

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# Office of County Investigations

## WHO WE ARE

The Office of County Investigations (OCI) is a division of the Department of Auditor-Controller and is comprised of investigators with accounting, technology, and personnel backgrounds.

Our mission is to ensure public trust in County government by providing a mechanism for reporting and investigating fraud, misconduct, waste, and abuse.

## WHAT WE DO

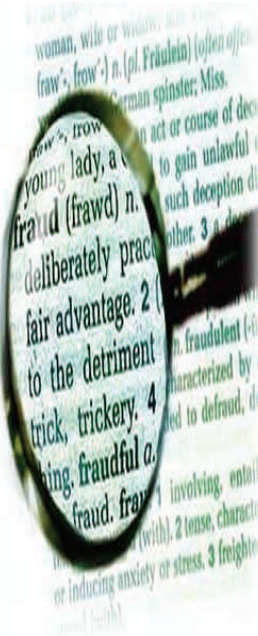
OCI is responsible for coordinating and conducting criminal and administrative investigations of alleged fraud and misconduct committed by County employees, managers, vendors, and contractors. OCI also conducts studies of and advises client departments on fiscal, physical, and data security.

## HOW WE DO IT

OCI investigators are "fact gatherers". We utilize financial tools, interview techniques, monitoring, and computer forensics in conducting investigations to thoroughly address the complaints filed. Investigators also prepare and issue search warrants and testify in court and Civil Service. We receive allegation reports through the Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline.

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY FRAUD HOTLINE

### *What is the Fraud Hotline?*



The Los Angeles County Fraud Hotline is a 24-hour online, telephone, fax, and e-mail mechanism for reporting suspected fraud, bribes, or other misconduct committed by County employees, contractors, and clients.

You may report alleged fraud 24 hours a day, seven days a week by telephone, sending an e-mail/fax, or using the online form through our website.

Live operators are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### *Who can file a report?*

Anyone who believes that fraud or misconduct related to Los Angeles County may have occurred or is occurring should file a report.

Informants may identify themselves or remain anonymous. However, anonymous reports may be more difficult to investigate because we cannot contact you if we have additional questions concerning what you have reported.

OCI strictly honors confidentiality and will not reveal the identity of any informant or source of information without the informant's authorization or by order of a court of law.

### *What can be reported?*

Any kind of fraud or misconduct can be reported. You can report any Los Angeles County manager, employee, contractor, or vendor who may be committing fraud, or any practice or act you observe that results in the waste or misapplication of County resources.

OCI investigates most types of fraud. Some misconduct, including recipient welfare fraud or allegations of child abuse, are referred to other agencies for investigation. Below are examples of some types of fraud commonly reported to the Hotline:

- Abuse of work hours
- Computer fraud
- Contractor improprieties
- Inspector improprieties
- Internet/E-mail abuse
- Theft of cash/equipment
- Management/employee Improprieties
- Inappropriate access of confidential information
- Personal use of County equipment/vehicles
- HIPAA Violations
- Bribery and acceptance of gratuities
- Substance Abuse
- Other improper activities

### *What information should I provide?*

When reporting suspected fraud or misconduct, please provide as much information and detail as possible, including **who, what, when, where, why, and how**.

In general, please provide the name of the person(s) involved; explain what is happening, where it is happening, and what dates the fraud occurred. Provide as much information as possible. Any information you have is helpful. If you have documents available, please provide them using one of the means listed in our "Contact us" section (see reverse side).