

Fraud, Waste & Abuse (FWA) Program

POLICY

To use all available means to prevent, detect and correct instances of FWA; to appropriately discipline perpetrators involved in FWA activities and to recoup losses of cash, property, and services resulting from FWA.

DEFINITIONS

Fraud: Any intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive the government of something of value or to secure from the government for an individual a benefit, privilege, allowance or consideration to which he or she is not entitled.

Waste: The extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of government funds or the consumption of government property that results from deficient practices, systems controls, or decisions. This term also includes improper practices not involving prosecutable fraud.

Abuse: The intentional, wrongful, or improper use of government resources.

The success of the FWA program lies with each individual within the Air Force. Support by both military and civilian members is crucial in preventing and eliminating FWA. Any individual aware of FWA or lack of controls that could permit resources to be wasted or diverted must report the situation through appropriate channels.

Report FWA

81 TRW/IG

720 Chappie James Avenue Suite 204

Keesler AFB, MS. 39534

FWA Hotline: (228)-377-7053

DSN 597-7053

HQ AETC/IG

1851 1st Street East, Suite 3

JBSA Randolph, TX. 78150-4317

FWA Hotline: (210)-652-4460

DSN 487-4460

SAF/IG

1140 AF Pentagon

Washington, DC. 20330-1140

FWA Hotline: (202)404-5354

DSN 7545354

DoD/IG FWA Hotline: 1-(800) 424-9098

Contact 81TRW/IG

Drop by: Bldg 2816, Rooms 101/103/105

Phone: (228)377-3010 or DSN 597-3010

Email: 81TRW.IG2@us.af.mil

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Inspector General**



Complaints Resolution Program

MISSION

To administer a Complaints Resolution Program that impartially and practically addresses grievances to enhance organization's discipline, readiness, and mission effectiveness.

Complainant Rights

File an IG complaint at any level without going through their supervisory channel and without fear of reprisal

Request withdrawal of their IG complaint in writing

Request higher level review of their complaint within 90 days of receiving the IG response

Submit complaints anonymously or on behalf of another individual

Request whistleblower protection under 10 USC 1034

Contact an IG or Member of Congress regarding any issue

Complainant Responsibilities

TIMELINESS: Submit complaints within one year of learning of the alleged wrong.

COOPERATION: Provide factual and relevant information to investigating officers and IG's.

TRUTHFULNESS: Statements submitted within Air Force channels to the IG are considered "official" statements.

Failure to adhere to these responsibilities could lead to complaint dismissal and/or punitive action for knowingly making false official statements/unlawful communications.

How to File an IG/FWA Complaint

Airman of all ranks, civilian employees, family members, and retirees may file an IG complaint.

Members should attempt to resolve issues at the lowest possible level using supervisory channels before addressing them to higher-level command channels or the IG.

If unable to resolve the complaint via supervisory channels; complete AF Form 102. Explain ***who, did what, to whom, in violation of what standard.*** Submit the form to the IG by any method listed on the back of this handout.

FWA complaints may also be reported to any of the FWA Hotlines listed on the back of this handout; the Air Force Audit Agency (AFAA), Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), Security Forces, or other proper authority.

Promptly advise the AFOSI of suspected criminal misconduct (228)377-3420 or DSN 597-3420.

Whistleblower Protection

Military members are afforded protection by 10 USC 1034, when allegations of reprisal or restriction are made. Civilians are protected under a similar law.

Many Department of the Air Force civilian complaints (e.g., discrimination, sexual harassment, and conditions of employment) must be addressed by agencies other than the IG.

IG Purview

IG's will always retain responsibility to resolve allegations of:

1. RESTRICTION

Preventing or attempting to prevent members of the Armed Forces from making or preparing to make lawful communications to Members of Congress and/or an IG.

2. REPRISAL

Taking or threatening to take unfavorable personnel action or withholding or threatening to withhold a favorable personnel action on a military member for making or preparing to make a protected communication.

A protected communication is 1) any lawful communication to a Member of Congress or an IG; 2) a communication in which a member of the Armed Forces communicates information that the member reasonably believes evidences a violation of law or regulation, when such communication is made to any of the following (list not all inclusive): Member of Congress/IG or their staffs, personnel assigned to DoD audit, inspection, investigation, law enforcement, equal opportunity, sexual assault prevention and response designees, or family advocacy organizations, or any person in the member's chain of command.

If you have concerns or are unsure with whom you should file a complaint refer to AFI 90-301, Table 3.6, for the proper grievance channel or contact the local IG office for guidance.