



California Department of Public Health
MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 9, 2012
TO: All CDPH Employees
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SUBJECT: Blow the Whistle on Government Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

The California State Auditor (state auditor) is your confidential avenue for reporting any type of improper activities by state agencies or employees. It is your responsibility as a government employee to report any type of fraud, waste, or abuse, which ultimately protects scarce budget dollars.

If you report an improper activity, you are protected by the Whistleblower Protection Act, which:

- Requires the state auditor to protect your identity (except from law enforcement);
- Prohibits intimidation, threats, or coercion by state employees that could interfere with your right to disclose improper governmental activities.

In 2011 alone, the state auditor received 5,415 complaints from state employees and members of the public. Such complaints triggered investigations that have revealed millions of dollars in wasteful spending in recent years, such as:

- A department that wasted at least \$51,244 during a one-year period by employing a senior official who spent most of his state-compensated time on activities unrelated to his job.
- A state professional employee who cost the State up to \$212,261 in lost productivity over a five-year period by using his state-compensated time and state equipment to perform work related to his private professional practice.
- A department manager that cost the State over \$8,282 over a nine-month period by improperly directing an employee to use a state vehicle for commuting between her home and work locations.

HOW TO REPORT

You have three ways to confidentially report information to the state auditor:

- Call the Whistleblower Hotline at:
800-952-5665
866-293-8729 (TTY)
916-322-2603 (Fax)
- Mail information to:
Investigations
CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Submit a complaint online at:
<http://www.auditor.ca.gov/hotline/filecomp>
(Note: The state auditor does not accept complaints sent by email.)