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HHS employees are expected to adhere to certain standards of conduct, which, if violated, could reflect poorly on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and on the Federal Government.

TYPES OF EMPLOYEE CRIMES & MISCONDUCT

- Abusing authority
- Violating conflict of interest standards
- Soliciting or accepting gifts from outside sources
- Misusing Government time, equipment, or information
- Committing official or moral misconduct, on or off duty
- Stealing or embezzling Government property or money
- Mismanaging or wasting Federal funds extravagantly, carelessly, or needlessly
- Misusing Government property because of deficient practices, systems, or controls
- Influencing the award of a grant or contract to benefit a particular company, friend, or family member

The Whistleblower Protection Act (WPA) protects Federal employees and applicants for employment who lawfully disclose information they reasonably believe evidences a violation of law, rule, or regulation, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety. Under the WPA, certain Federal employees may not take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, any personnel action against an employee or applicant for employment because of the employee or applicant’s protected whistleblowing. See 5 U.S.C. § 2302(b)(8).

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