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## About NAVEX

### What is NAVEX?

NAVEX is a comprehensive and confidential reporting tool to assist management and employees to work together to address fraud, abuse, and other misconduct in the workplace, all while cultivating a positive work environment.

### Why do we need a system like NAVEX?

- We believe that our employees are our most important asset. By creating open channels of communication, we can promote a positive work environment and maximize productivity.
- An effective reporting system will augment our other efforts to foster a culture of integrity and ethical decision-making.

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## Reporting - General

### **Where do these reports go? Who can access them?**

Reports are entered directly to a NAVEX secure server to prevent any possible breach in security. NAVEX makes these reports available only to specific individuals within the University who are charged with evaluating the report, based on the type of violation and location of the incident. Each of these report recipients has had training in keeping these reports in the utmost confidence.

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## REPORTING SECURITY & CONFIDENTIALITY

**It is my understanding that any report I send from a University computer generates a server log that shows every website my PC connects with; won't this log identify me as a report originator?**

NAVEX does not generate or maintain any internal connection logs with IP addresses; no information linking your PC to NAVEX is available. In fact, NAVEX is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity.

If you feel uncomfortable making a report on your work PC, you have the option of using a PC outside our work environment (such as one located at an Internet café, the library, at a friend's house, etc.) through the NAVEX secure website. Many people choose this option, as NAVEX's data shows that fewer than 12% of reports generated during business hours.

**Can I file a report from home and still remain anonymous?**

A report from home, a neighbor's computer, or any Internet portal will remain secure and anonymous, where permitted by local laws. An Internet portal never identifies a visitor by screen name and the NAVEX system strips away identifying information, such as an IP address, so that anonymity is maintained. Plus, NAVEX is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity.

**I am concerned the information I provide NAVEX will ultimately reveal my identity. How can you assure me that will not happen?**

The NAVEX system is designed to protect you. In fact, we are contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity. To further ensure your anonymity, you - as a reporting party - need to be careful not reveal any identifying details as part of your report. For example, "from my cube next to Jan Smith ..." or "in my 33 years ..."

**Is the telephone toll-free hotline confidential and anonymous too?**

Yes – so long as anonymous reporting is permitted by local laws. You will be asked to provide the same information you would provide in an Internet-based report; the interviewer will type your responses directly into NAVEX's secure environment. Hotline-based reports have the same security and confidentiality measures applied to them during delivery as Internet-based reports.

**What if I want to be identified with my report?**

There is a section in the report where you may identify yourself, if you wish.

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## TIPS & BEST PRACTICES

### **I am aware of some individuals involved with unethical conduct, but it doesn't affect me. Why should I bother reporting it?**

The University chooses to promote ethical behavior. All unethical conduct, at any level, ultimately hurts the University and all employees, including you. One only has to consider what happened in recent corporate scandals to see the disastrous effects a seemingly harmless lapse in ethics can have on an otherwise healthy company. If you know of any incidents of misconduct or ethical violations, consider it your duty to yourself and your coworkers to report it.

### **I am not sure if what I have observed or heard is a violation of University policy or involves unethical conduct, but it just does not look right to me. What should I do?**

File a report. NAVEX can help you prepare and file your report so it can be properly understood. We would rather you report a situation that turns out to be harmless than let possibly unethical behavior go unchecked because you were unsure.

### **What if my boss or other managers are involved in a violation? Won't they get the report and start a cover-up?**

The NAVEX system and report distribution protocols are designed so implicated parties are not notified about or granted access to reports in which they have been named.

### **What if I remember something important about the incident after I file the report?**

When you file a report, either using the Internet or through NAVEX's Contact Center, you receive a unique report key and are asked to select a password. With the report key and your password, you can return to the NAVEX system again, either by Internet or telephone, and access the original report. At that point, you can add more details. It is imperative that you write down and/or remember your report key and password; neither NAVEX nor the University have the ability to reset either if you forget them.

### **What if you have questions for me concerning my report?**

NAVEX provides functionality that enables University representatives to post questions for you, even if you report anonymously. Using your report key and password, please check back periodically to see if any questions have been posted. Providing the opportunity for such dialogue means situations may not only be identified but can also be resolved, no matter how complex.

### **Are these follow-ups on reports as secure as the first one?**

All NAVEX correspondences are held in the same strict confidence as the initial report, continuing under the umbrella of anonymity, if you so choose (and where permitted by local laws).

### **Can I still file a report if I don't have access to the Internet?**

You can file an NAVEX report from any computer that can access the Internet. You can file from home. Many public locations, including most public libraries, have Internet computers. If you don't have access or are uncomfortable using a computer, you can call the NAVEX toll-free hotline which is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Dialing instructions vary by country; verify the proper dialing instructions with a local team member.

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**What should I do if the telephone number is not working?**

If the telephone number listed above is not functioning, please make your report online through this web site. Please indicate in the report that the telephone number did not work.

**What should I do if the country I am in is not listed above?**

If there is no service for your location, please make your report online through this web site. Please indicate in the report that dialing instructions for the country you are located in were not available.

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