



Commander, Navy Medicine East (NME) Anti- Fraud Policy

It is of the utmost importance that you understand the fundamental principles of teamwork that make us the premier region that we are. NME is committed to an aggressive program of oversight, awareness, prevention, and remedies of Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA). Our goal is to preclude even the slightest impression of impropriety in the handling of our manpower, material, and money.

This policy applies to any irregularity, or suspected irregularity, involving employees as well as management/leadership, consultants, vendors, contractors, outside agencies doing business with employees of the government, and/or any other parties with a business relationship with NME. Any investigative activity required will be conducted without regard to the suspected wrongdoer's length of service, position/title, or relationship to the Command. Fraud will not be tolerated.

We are all responsible for the detection and prevention of fraud, misappropriations, and other irregularities.

Fraud is defined as any willful means of taking or attempting to take unfair advantage of the Government, including but not limited to: the offer, payment, or acceptance of gratuities, as set forth in SECNAVINST 5370.2; making of false statements, submission of false claims, or use of false weights or measures; evasion or corruption of inspectors and other officials; deceit either by suppression of the truth or misrepresentation of a material fact; adulteration or substitution of materials; falsification of records and books of account; arrangements for secret profits, kickbacks, or commissions; and conspiracy to use any of these devices. It also includes those cases of conflict of interest, criminal irregularities, and unauthorized disclosure of official information which is connected with acquisition and disposal matters.

Waste and Abuse is any extravagant, careless or needless expenditure of Government funds or the consumption or misuse of Government property, resulting from deficient or improper practices usually not involving prosecutable fraud.

Any irregularity that is detected or suspected must be reported immediately to the Regional Inspector General. See reporting information below.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS

The Region has two investigators who can investigate allegations of Fraud. All suspected fraudulent acts will be taken very seriously. This team is responsible for the detection, evaluation, and investigation and reporting findings to the Commander and Chief of Staff.

REPORTING

Suspected fraudulent acts must be reported to the respective Regional Inspector General but can be reported to any member of your chain of command. You may submit the fraudulent activity to NME-IGHotline@med.navy.mil or call (757) 953-5565 and you may remain anonymous. Military Whistleblower Protection Act protects the right of members of the armed services who disclose information of wrong to any member of Congress, Inspector General or his or her supervisor if he or she reasonably believes evidence of wrongdoing has occurred to speak out without fear of reprisal or retaliation.

My door is always open if you wish to inform me of any fraudulent activities.

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