**What is a Whistleblower?**

A whistleblower is someone who makes a good faith report to an authorized recipient of information regarding:

- violations of law, rule, or regulation;
- waste, fraud, and abuse;
- mismanagement;
- serious security incidents; or
- other criminal or administrative misconduct.

Authorized recipients include:

- An Inspector General
- A Member of Congress
- A supervisor in employees direct chain of command
- A court or grand jury
- A court-martial proceeding
- The Office of Special Counsel
- Any person or organization designated by law to receive such communications
The DoD Whistleblower Protection Coordinator (WPC) is responsible for educating DoD employees on statutes related to whistleblower rights and protections, and prohibitions against retaliation for disclosing wrongdoing. The WPC is responsible for:

- Educating personnel on how to report allegations of waste, fraud, and abuse within the DoD
- Educating personnel on how to report allegations of reprisal
- Educating personnel on the general timelines for reprisal cases and the availability of alternative resolution mechanisms

For more info on your rights as a whistleblower, visit: https://go.usa.gov/xdEqU