

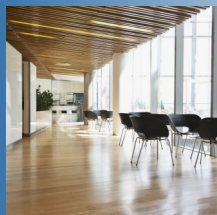


# WASHOE COUNTY

Fraud, Waste and Abuse - Hotline Handout

INTERNAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT

## What is “Fraud, Waste, and Abuse” & How do I report it?



Fraud



Waste



Abuse



Reporting

### Fraud



Defined as the wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain. Fraud includes false representation of fact, making false statements, or by concealment of information.

### Waste



Defined as the thoughtless or careless expenditure, mismanagement, or abuse of resources to the detriment (or potential detriment) of the local government. Waste also includes incurring unnecessary costs resulting from inefficient or ineffective practices, systems, or controls.

### Abuse



Defined as excessive or improper use of a thing, or to use something in a manner contrary to the natural or legal rules for its use. Abuse can occur in financial or non-financial.

### Reporting



Washoe County employees as well as community members can report perceived incidents of fraud, waste, or abuse related to Washoe County activities anonymously and directly to the internal auditor for Washoe County. Some examples of what to report are: questionable accounting, fraud, deceit,

embezzlement, conflict of interest, theft, unsafe workplace, falsified information, unethical business practices, threatening violence, vandalism, violating policy or procedure, etc..



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