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# Mandatory Reporting and Non-Retaliation Policy

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Legal, Ethics & Compliance

#### INTRODUCTION

Speaking up is not only required at Booz Allen, but it is critical and safe. Raising concerns allows us to protect our people, company, reputation, and business. We do not tolerate retaliation against anyone who, in good faith, asks a question or raises an ethical or legal concern.

The purpose of this policy is to set forth the mandatory reporting requirements for all Booz Allen people, the additional reporting obligations for Booz Allen people who hold U.S. government security clearances, and to clearly set forth Booz Allen's zero tolerance for retaliation, including the protection for Booz Allen people under U.S. whistleblowing laws.

#### **SCOPE**

This policy applies to all employees, officers, directors, independent contractors, subsidiaries, and affiliates of the firm (referred to as "Booz Allen people").

#### **POLICY**

All Booz Allen people have a duty to report to one of the company's established mandatory reporting channels anything they think or reasonably suspect may violate the law, our Code of Business Ethics and Conduct, a company policy, or poses risk to our people or our company. Booz Allen people who hold U.S. government security clearances have additional duties to report other information to the company.

# **Mandatory Reporting Channels**

- A Booz Allen person's career manager, job leader, or any more senior leader or person in a supervisory capacity
- An Ethics Advisor
- Employee Relations
- The company's Legal, Ethics & Compliance Team
- The Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer
- Our Ethics HelpLine at +1-800-501-8755 (US) or +1-888-475-0009 (International) or speakup.bah.com. Concerns may be raised anonymously.
- The appropriate Human Resources or Corporate Core resource, for example:
  - o Employee Relations
  - o Cyber Incident Response Team (CIRT) for observed or suspected information security incidents
  - Security Services for security or safety concerns
  - Government Accounting Compliance for time reporting matters

**If the report is regarding classified information, it MUST ALSO be reported to Security Services**, even if it was already reported to one of the points of contact listed above. Do not include the classified information in the report.

Any Booz Allen person who is listed as one of the mandatory reporting channels above has a mandatory duty to promptly escalate any matter reported to them, as appropriate. The Booz Allen person reporting a matter must treat the matter as confidential to the greatest extent practicable, except as necessary in their communication with the company's investigators or appropriate government agencies in cases when a violation of law or regulation is suspected. All Booz Allen people have an obligation to self-report personal conduct that may impact the company's business that may not be directly related to the incidents outlined above. If a Booz Allen person reports their own misconduct, they may still be subject to discipline, however, self-reporting will be considered

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favorably in determining an appropriate resolution to the reported matter.

## **Mandatory Reporting Obligations for All Booz Allen People**

All Booz Allen people have a duty to report three types of information to one of the company's mandatory reporting channels and/or other channels as directed in this policy:

- Legal or Ethical Concerns
- Potential Insider Risks or Threats
- Arrests, Charges, Convictions and Regulatory Actions

## **Legal or Ethical Concerns**

All Booz Allen people must report to one of the company's mandatory reporting channels anything they see, think, or reasonably suspect is or may be conduct of an employee, officer, director, independent contractor, client, or any other business partner that, whether work or non-work related:

- Violates the law;
- Violates Booz Allen's Code of Business Ethics and Conduct or a Booz Allen policy;
- Puts at risk an individual's health or safety;
- Causes undue risk to the company; or
- Jeopardizes the security of Booz Allen's, a Booz Allen person's or a third party's information, including sensitive or classified information entrusted to Booz Allen (e.g., removing or transferring information from a secure area or classified information system without security authorization and a valid business reason).

#### Potential Insider Risks or Threats

All Booz Allen people must report to one of the company's mandatory reporting channels any observed or suspected activity that poses insider risks or threats to our people, the company, our brand or our business. Some indicators or behaviors that may be of potential concern and/or may pose insider risks or threats include but are not limited to:

- Seeking to gain higher clearance or expand access outside the job scope without bona fide need for the access
- Attempting to engage cleared employees in classified conversations about projects to which the employee does not have a need to know
- Attempting to enter physical areas or access IT systems without the appropriate authorization
- Attempting to circumvent physical security, IT, or other rules
- Working hours that are inconsistent with job assignment or an insistence on working in private without a legitimate explanation
- Repeatedly accessing proprietary (to include operational, competitive, financial, technical, and personnel) information that is the property of Booz Allen or clients, contractors, and business associates. or sensitive information that is not needed for the person's job or explainable by a legitimate purpose
- Receiving several security violations and generally showing disregard for security rules that have not been reported
- Failing to report overseas travel or contact with foreign nationals when required to do so (cleared employees)
- Exhibiting hostile or threatening behavior against co-workers, supervisors or others in the
  workplace (including but not limited to battery; threatening or disruptive behavior or acts of
  intimidation, stalking, verbal or physical harassment; or harassing e-mails, telephone calls, and/or
  threatening messages of any kind, including text and instant messages.)

Job Leaders and Career Managers are required to immediately notify Human Resources when a Booz Allen person is removed from a contract or work activity due to concerns with their performance or behavior.

## Arrests, Charges, Convictions and Regulatory Actions

All Booz Allen people are required to report in writing, within three (3) business days of their occurrence, all arrests, charges (this includes, but is not limited to, all felonies and misdemeanors), convictions, and any regulatory action

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against them to the following channels:

- For All Booz Allen people: Human Resources and their Job Leader
- For Booz Allen people with a U.S. Government Security Clearance: must also report the incident to Security Services, as well as directly to agencies granting them a security clearance in accordance with that agency's requirements.

Additional Mandatory Reporting Requirements for Booz Allen People with U.S. Government Security Clearances In addition to the obligations applicable to all Booz Allen people to report via the company's approved mandatory reporting channels, Booz Allen people with a U.S. Government Security Clearance security clearance have additional obligations to immediately report information in any of the following categories to Security Services.

- 1. **Changes in personal information**: name, citizenship, marital status, employment (change of home-based office, short- or long-term assignment outside the United States, or intention of terminating employment with the company), or if they are no longer supporting a classified contract.
- 2. **Financial difficulties**, including but not limited to:
  - Wage garnishments
  - Repossessions/Foreclosures
  - Financial difficulties resulting from gambling
  - Failure to make child support payments
  - Charge Offs, Liens and any debt payments more than 120 days late
- 3. Wavering allegiance to the United States, which can include:
  - Involvement in, support of, training to commit, or advocacy of any act of sabotage, espionage, treason, terrorism, or sedition against the United States
  - Association or sympathy with persons who are attempting to commit, or who are committing, any of the above acts
  - Gain retribution for perceived wrongs caused by the Federal, state, or local government
  - Preventing others from exercising their rights under the Constitution or laws of the United States or any state
- 4. **Substance abuse and other self-destructive behavior**, including abuse or misuse of alcohol, reporting to work while intoxicated, habitual or binge drinking to the point of impaired judgment, and abuse or misuse of drugs, prescription or illegal, regardless of state laws.
- 5. Foreign travel and foreign contacts, including close and continual relationships with foreign nationals.
- 6. **Misuse of U.S. Government computer systems**, **mishandling of classified information**, or loss, compromise or suspected compromise of classified information.
- 7. Adverse information about other cleared employees that they observe, including information that:
  - Negatively reflects on the integrity or character of a cleared employee
  - Suggests that his or her ability to safeguard classified information may be impaired
  - Suggests that his or her access to classified information clearly may not be in the interest of national security

Examples include: criminal activity, culpability of security violations, misuse of information technology system, excessive use of intoxicants, use of illegal controlled substances, and excessive indebtedness or recurring financial difficulties.

- 8. **Questionable activities that may pose insider risks** or other threats to our people, the company, our brand, or our business, as outlined above in the "Potential Insider Risks or Threats" section of this policy.
- 9. **Incidents of suspicious contact**, which may include:
  - Efforts by any individual, regardless of nationality, to obtain illegal or unauthorized access to classified information or to compromise a cleared employee;
  - Contacts by cleared employees with known or suspected intelligence officers from any country; or
  - Any contact which suggests a cleared employee may be the target of an attempted exploitation by the intelligence services of another country

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- 10. Cyber incidents on a classified information system.
- 11. **Fraud, waste, and abuse**, or issues of national security significance. Booz Allen people may also report such incidents directly to:
  - Defense Hotline at 1-800-424-9098
  - U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 1-800-270-2787
  - DOE Hotline at 1-800-541-1625
  - DNI Hotline at 1-703-482-2650

#### **Zero Tolerance for Retaliation**

Booz Allen has zero tolerance for retaliation against any person who asks a question or reports suspected ethical or legal concerns. Booz Allen also has zero tolerance for retaliation against any Booz Allen person who participates in or cooperates with an investigation or oversight related to the company's business.

If a Booz Allen person raises any question or concern, reports misconduct, or cooperates with an investigation, they must act in good faith. They do not need to be right or have substantial facts to support their reported issue, but the information they provide must not be fabricated or presented in an intentionally misleading manner.

# **Whistleblowing Protection**

Booz Allen will not discharge, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an Booz Allen person in retaliation for disclosing, to any of the entities listed below, information they reasonably believe is evidence of a violation of a law, rule, or regulation, gross mismanagement, and/or abuse of authority related to a U.S. federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract); a gross waste of U.S. federal funds; and/or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

Entities to whom disclosure may be made:

- A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress
- An Inspector General
- The Government Accountability Office
- A Federal employee responsible for contract oversight or management at the relevant agency
- An authorized official of the Department of Justice or other law enforcement agency
- A court or grand jury
- A management official or other employee of the contractor or subcontractor who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.

Booz Allen also complies with Section 1553 of the Recovery Act, which establishes certain rights for employees of contractors receiving funds appropriated by or otherwise made available by the Recovery Act and protects Booz Allen people from retaliation for disclosing "covered information" to any of the authorities defined in the Recovery Act.

Any Booz Allen person who believes they have been discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against for disclosure of any of the above may submit a complaint to the Inspector General of the agency concerned.

## REPORTING CONCERNS

Booz Allen maintains the highest standards of ethical behavior and integrity. Our policies, procedures, trainings, and communications form a robust Ethics & Compliance program, promoting a culture of integrity that shapes all facets of employee conduct.

Anyone can report an ethics concern to our Ethics HelpLine at +1-800-501-8755 (US) or +1-888-475-0009 (International) or Speakup.bah.com. Concerns may be raised anonymously.

We take all allegations of misconduct seriously, investigate them promptly, and strictly prohibit retaliation against any person who raises a good faith ethical or legal concern.

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