

Fraud

Tackling fraud, bribery and corruption in the Ministry of Justice.

Fraud, bribery and corruption is unacceptable. It affects the ability of the MoJ to deliver its responsibilities for protecting and advancing the principles of justice. Where fraud, bribery and corruption occur, resources and finances are wrongfully diverted from their intended purpose.

All MoJ employees are required to act honestly, with integrity and to safeguard the public service delivery for which they are responsible. MoJ will not tolerate fraud, bribery or corrupt practices and will always strive to respond robustly to reported matters.

Fraud

Fraud is a criminal offence, created by the Fraud Act 2006. The three primary ways that fraud can be committed, as set out in the Act, are by:

False representation

Failure to disclose information

Abuse of position

All actions being with dishonest intent to make a gain or cause a loss or the risk of a loss to another.

Bribery and Corruption

It is an offence for a civil servant to corruptly accept any money, gift or consideration as an inducement or reward. Corruption can be defined as 'an act done with intent to give some advantage which is inconsistent with official duty and the rights of others'; it is the abuse of power by a public official for private gain and includes bribery and bias.

The Bribery Act introduced two general offences:

Offering, promising or giving a bribe and / or;

Requesting, agreeing to receive or accepting a bribe

Bribery is the offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of any item of value to influence the actions of an official or person in charge of a public or legal duty. There is also a specific offence of bribery of foreign public officials and a corporate offence of failure of commercial organisations to prevent

bribery.

How to report fraud, bribery or corruption

For matters relating to:

Ministry of Justice, Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority, Office of the Public Guardian or any of its Arm's Length Bodies – [MoJ counter fraud investigations](#)

Legal Aid Agency (LAA) – [LAA counter fraud](#)

HM Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) – [HMCTS investigations](#)

HM Prisons and Probation Service – for matters relating to fraud or bribery: [fraud reporting](#)

For matters relating to corruption: [CCU HQ](#)

You can also call the HMPPS Integrity Line on 0800 917 6877 or report your suspicions using the online [Integrity Line Portal](#)

Alternatively, you can report your suspicions anonymously for any organisation across MoJ by completing the [Reporting Fraud form](#).

All matters received will be treated discreetly, in confidence and in accordance with MoJ's Counter Fraud policy.

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[MoJ Fraud policy and response plan](#)

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