



Whistleblower Rewards Program: Reporting Antitrust Crimes and Qualifying for Whistleblower Rewards

The Antitrust Division encourages whistleblowers to report antitrust crimes and related offenses. Criminal antitrust offenses include price fixing, bid rigging, and market allocation. For more information about antitrust crimes see:

- [Price Fixing, Bid Rigging, And Market Allocation Schemes: What They Are and What to Look For](#)
- [Federal Antitrust Crime: A Primer for Law Enforcement Personnel](#)

Whistleblower reports are an important part of the Antitrust Division's efforts to investigate and prosecute companies and people who reach illegal agreements with their competitors and violate the criminal antitrust laws. The Antitrust Division relies on whistleblowers who provide original, detailed, and timely information to help identify criminal antitrust violations. To encourage whistleblowers and recognize their contributions to the Antitrust Division's mission, in appropriate cases the Antitrust Division pays whistleblowers rewards.

Whistleblower Rewards

The Antitrust Division works with its law enforcement partners the United States Postal Inspection Service and the United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General to pay rewards to whistleblowers. Whistleblowers who voluntarily report original information about antitrust and related offenses that result in criminal fines or other recoveries of at least \$1 million may be eligible to receive a whistleblower reward. Payment of whistleblower rewards is in the discretion of the Antitrust Division, but if a whistleblower is eligible for an award the presumptive award amount will be between 15 and 30% of the amount of the criminal fine or recovery. Whistleblower rewards are subject to the terms of a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) between the Antitrust Division and its law enforcement partners.

How to Submit a Whistleblower Report

You can submit a whistleblower report yourself or through an attorney. The report must include your contact information or contact information for your attorney so that the Antitrust Division can follow up with you as needed.

Confidentiality

The Antitrust Division takes confidentiality seriously and will only disclose the identity or information of a whistleblower, complainant, or witness for law enforcement purposes.

Federal law protects employees who report criminal antitrust violations from retaliation by their employers.

More information on confidentiality and anti-retaliation protections is on the [Confidentiality](#) page.



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