

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of Compliance and Enterprise Risk Management

## **Compliance Tip of the Month**

## **Combatting Fraud, Waste, and Abuse**

As part of our institutional and community values, we at MTSU are committed to responsible stewardship of State resources. Additionally, and as a public institution, MTSU employees and students, as well as members of our surrounding communities, may report suspected, or known, improper uses of University resources. Reporting can also include suspected, or known, dishonest acts including, but not limited to:

- 1. Theft or misappropriation of State funds, supplies, property, or other MTSU resources.
- 2. Forgery or alternation of documents.
- 3. Unauthorized alternation or manipulation of electronic files.
- 4. Wasteful or improper activity.
- 5. Falsification of reports to external agencies and/or internal MTSU management and administration.
- 6. Pursuit of a benefit or advantage in conflict with MTSU's policies.
- 7. Authorization or receipt of compensation for hours not worked.
- 8. Failure to report a benefit or advantage in violation of MTSU's Conflict of Interests Policy (Policy 12), or other related policies.

## Reporting Fraud, Waste, and/or Abuse

If you suspect, or have knowledge of, the improper use of University resources, or other dishonest acts, you can report the fraud, waste, and/or abuse to:

- MTSU Audit and Consulting Services at their fraud reporting email address of <u>reportfraud@mtsu.edu</u> or by calling (615) 898-2914.
- The State of Tennessee Comptroller's Hotline at 1-800-232-5454, or online at comptroller.tn.gov/hotline.
- An administrator or officer of MTSU.
- A supervisor, department head, or division Vice President of MTSU.

All allegations of fraud, waste, and/or abuse are investigated by MTSU Audit and Consulting Services. For additional information on the investigations process regarding allegations and cases of fraud, waste, and abuse, please contact the MTSU Office of Audit and Consulting Services at <u>audit@mtsu.edu</u>.

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