



375th Air Mobility Wing Inspector General



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Going To The IG

- Members may contact any IG to report wrong-doing/file a complaint.
- Contact Information:
 - 375 AMW/IG: 256-4744
 - 932 AW/IG: 229-7044
 - 126 ARW/IG: 222-5770
 - AMC IG: 229-0446
 - USTRANSCOM IG: 229-1781
 - AF IG: 800-538-8429 (DSN 227)
 - DOD IG: 800-424-9098 (DSN 664)
- If IG Assistance Is Needed, Contact Your Local IG First
 - IGs at higher commands will normally refer the case to the local IG for action

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ROLE OF THE IG



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- **Authority – Given by Congress**
 - **Investigate Anything, Anytime, Anywhere**
 - **Access to ALL AF records germane to complaint**
 - **IG complaint will NOT stop pending admin or judicial actions**

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ROLE OF THE IG



■ Fact Finder

- Unbiased and independent
 - Not for management/leadership or complainant
- ## ■ Resolve complaints so focus is on Scott's mission
- ## ■ Extended Eyes and Ears of Wing Commander
- ◆ Work directly for Wing Commander

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RESOLVING COMPLAINTS



Before You Go To The IG

- **Give Your Chain of Command The First Crack At Solving The Problem**
- **Primary and Preferred Channel for Addressing Complaints**
 - **Supervisor, Flight Commander, 1st Sergeant, Commander**
 - **Many problems must be addressed to the chain of command for resolution anyway**
- **Resolving at lowest level may result in faster resolution and is smartest use of your time.**
- **Not necessary to go through chain of command before coming to IG.**

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MAJOR CONCERNS



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- REPRISAL
 - RESTRICTION
 - IMPROPER MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION
 - FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE

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REPRISAL



■ Reprisal



- **Taking or threatening to take an unfavorable personnel action or withholding or threatening to withhold a favorable action on a military member for making or preparing a protected communication. (AFI 90-301, Inspector General Complaints)**



PROTECTED COMMUNICATIONS



■ Protected Communication

Any lawful communication in which a member of the Armed Forces communicates information that the member reasonably believes evidences a violation of law or regulation, including a law or regulation prohibiting sexual harassment or unlawful discrimination, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds or other resources, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, when such communication is made to any of the following:

1. Member of Congress or a member of their staff.
2. An Inspector General or a member of the inspector general's investigative staff.
3. Personnel assigned to DoD Audit, Inspection, Investigation, Law Enforcement, Equal Opportunity, and Family Advocacy organizations.
4. Any person in the member's Chain of Command.
5. The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Command Chiefs, and First Sergeants.



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Going To The IG

- **Keep In Mind That IGs Can Only Recommend, Not Order A Resolution**
 - **Only Commanders can order a resolution; the role of the IG is to advise the Commander**
 - **IG has no command authority**
 - **IG points out issues to Commander(s) who make decisions on actions to take**
 - **Command action reported back to IG to close out complaint/investigation**

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More Things To Consider

- **Complaint Must be filed within 60 days of learning of the alleged wrong-doing**
 - **IG complaints not reported within 60 days may seriously impede the gathering of evidence and testimony**
 - **IG has the choice of whether or not to investigate the complaint**



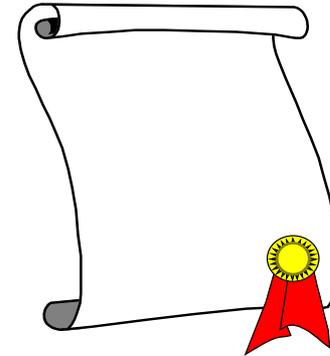
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FILING A COMPLAINT



- **Complaint can be filed anonymously or in person (feedback may be the key)**
 - **Both held confidential**
 - **Both worked with same urgency**



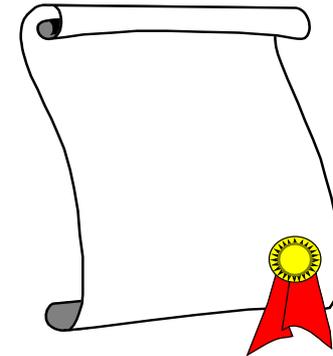


FILING A COMPLAINT



More On Filing

- Complaint Can Enter The System At Any Level Or Via Congressional Channels
- Lowest Level Preferred - NOT MANDATORY
- Anything, Anywhere, Anytime



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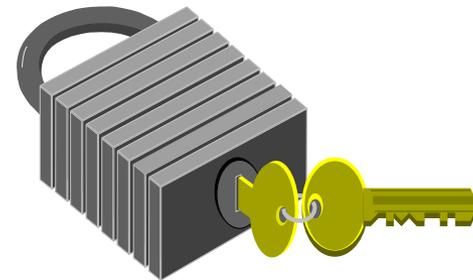


RESTRICTION



The Rules

- To place boundaries or barriers upon military members that reduce protected communications with an IG or Congress
- No One May Deny AF Personnel Access to an Inspector General or Congress
- Identities of Complainants and Confidential Witnesses Are Protected From Disclosure to the maximum extent possible



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RESTRICTION



Examples Of Restriction

- Forcing all issues to remain within chain of command
- Threatening an Individual to prevent them from going to an IG or Congress
- Telling Someone you will drop the LOR being processed against them if they withdraw their IG complaint
- Telling someone that by filing a Congressional Complaint, they have poisoned the atmosphere for their future within the Unit (Actual case Substantiated by the DoD IG)

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RESTRICTION



- **“You will not go to the IG.”**
- **“You will not go outside the chain of command.”**
- **“You will keep everything in this work center or squadron.”**
- **“You can’t go to your IG appointment.”**
- **“You had better not write your Congressman.”**

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FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE



- FRAUD
 - WASTE
 - ABUSE
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- Hotline 618-256-4744

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Even if it's not an IG issue, we can get you in touch with the right people or agency. We will do our utmost to help you resolve your problem or concern.

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Bottom Line

- **People are more productive when their complaints are resolved. We will help to resolve any complaints you have.**

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QUESTIONS?

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