

	<b>Wrongdoing Defined</b>	<b>Authorized Audiences</b>
<b>SSA Employees</b>	<p>Violation of any law, rule or regulation;</p> <p>Gross mismanagement;</p> <p>Gross waste of funds;</p> <p>Abuse of authority; and</p> <p>Substantial and specific danger to public health or safety</p>	<p>In general, employees may disclose information to anyone, including non-governmental audiences, unless the information is classified or specifically prohibited by law from release.</p> <p>However, if the information is classified or specifically prohibited by law from release, it may only be shared with the OIG, OSC, or a designated agency official.</p>
<b>Contractors and Grantees</b>	<p>Gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant;</p> <p>Gross waste of Federal funds,</p> <p>Abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant,</p> <p>Substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or</p> <p>Violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant.</p>	<p>For all disclosures, classified or unclassified, an employee of a contractor or grantee is only protected if the disclosure is made to:</p> <p>(A) A Member of Congress or a representative of a committee of Congress.</p> <p>(B) An Inspector General.</p> <p>(C) The Government Accountability Office.</p> <p>(D) A Federal employee responsible for contract or grant oversight or management at the relevant agency.</p> <p>(E) An authorized official of the Social Security Administration or other law enforcement agency.</p> <p>(F) A court or grand jury.</p> <p>(G) A management official or other employee of the contractor, subcontractor, or grantee who has the responsibility to investigate, discover, or address misconduct.</p>