

COVID-19 FRAUD WASTE ABUSE

What is Fraud?

It is any intentional deception designed to unlawfully deprive the city of Philadelphia of something of value, or to secure from the city of Philadelphia an individual benefit, privilege, allowance or consideration to which he or she is not entitled.



What is Waste?

It is the extravagant, careless or needless expenditure of government funds, or the consumption of government property that results from deficient practices, systems, controls or decisions.



What is Abuse?

It is the intentional or improper use of city resources or a city employee's overstepping their authority.



What Should I Be Alert For?

Ask questions and report irregularities when the facts and information don't line up. Keep an eye out for:

- Lack of internal controls.
- Unexplained entries or altered records.
- Inadequate or missing documentation.
- Unauthorized transactions.



What Can I Do to Help?

Be mindful that you need to follow established agency policies, procedures, rules and regulations at all times. Even during these exceptionally challenging circumstances, cutting corners, regardless of your intent, is not acceptable.



See something suspicious? Get in touch with us at www.phila.gov/oig or call 215-686-1770.