

Seaside Sustainability Whistleblower Policy

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Introduction

The Code of Ethics adopted by Seaside Sustainability requires all board members, staff, and volunteers to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As employees and representatives of Seaside Sustainability, we must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling our responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Set forth below is Seaside Sustainability's policy with respect to reporting good-faith concerns about the legality or propriety of Seaside Sustainability actions or plans.

Reporting of Concerns or Complaints

It is the responsibility of all staff, board members, and volunteers to comply with Seaside Sustainability's Code of Ethics and applicable law and to report violations or suspected violations in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy.

Confidentiality

Seaside Sustainability will treat all communications under this policy in a confidential manner, except to the extent necessary 1) to conduct a complete and fair investigation, or 2) for review of Seaside Sustainability operations by Seaside Sustainability's board, its finance committee, Seaside Sustainability's independent public accountants, and Seaside Sustainability's legal counsel.

Retaliation

Seaside Sustainability will not permit any negative or adverse actions to be taken against any employee or individual for making a good-faith report of a possible violation of its Code of Ethics or applicable law, even if the report is mistaken, or against any employee or individual who assists in the investigation of a reported violation. Retaliation in any form will not be tolerated. Any act of alleged retaliation should be reported immediately and will be promptly investigated. An employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment. This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable employees and others to raise serious concerns within Seaside Sustainability prior to seeking resolution outside the organization.

How To Report Concerns or Complaints

Employees and others may communicate suspected violations of its Code of Ethics, applicable law, or other wrongdoing or alleged retaliation by contacting Seaside Sustainability's Board Secretary. If you wish to remain anonymous, it is not necessary that you give your name or position in any notification.

Whether or not you identify yourself, for a proper investigation to be conducted, please provide Seaside Sustainability with as much information as you can, sufficient to do a proper investigation, including where and when the incident occurred, names and titles of the individuals involved, and as much other detail as you can provide.

Illustrative Types of Concerns

The following is a partial list of the kinds of improprieties that should be reported:

- Supplying false or misleading information on Seaside Sustainability's financial or other public documents, including its Form 990
- Providing false information to or withholding material information from Seaside Sustainability's board or auditors
- Destroying, altering, mutilating, concealing, covering up, falsifying, or making a false entry in any records that may be connected to an official proceeding, in violation of federal or state law or regulations
- Altering, destroying, or concealing a document, or attempting to do so, with the intent to impair the document's availability for use in an official proceeding or otherwise obstructing, influencing, or impeding any official proceeding, in violation of federal or state law or regulations
- Embezzling, self-dealing, private inurement (i.e., Seaside Sustainability's earnings inuring to the benefit of a Trustee, officer, or senior management) and private benefit (i.e., Seaside Sustainability's assets being used by anyone in the organization for personal gain or benefit)
- Paying for services or goods that are not rendered or delivered
- Using remarks or actions of a sexual nature that are not welcome and are likely to be viewed as personally offensive, including sexual flirtations; unwelcome physical or verbal advances; sexual propositions; verbal abuse of a sexual nature; the display of sexually suggestive objects, cartoons, or pictures; and physical contact of a sexual or particularly personal nature.
- Using epithets, slurs, negative stereotyping, and threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts that relate to race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability
- Circulating or posting written or graphic material in the workplace that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group because of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, or disability
- Discriminating against an employee or potential employee due to a person's race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status
- Violating Seaside Sustainability's Code of Ethics or Conflict-of-Interest Policy,
- Facilitating or concealing any of the above or similar actions