

Whistleblowing

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The [Whistleblowing Law](#) entered into force on 1 May 2019. Its aim is to strengthen the protection of whistleblowers and to promote public awareness of various violations in Latvia.

This means that everyone has the right to spread alarm concerns in the public and private sectors about threats to the public interest observed in their work environment.

What does it mean whistleblowing?

Spreading a whistleblowing means that a person reports violations of legal and ethical norms in his or her workplace or institution, unless it affects not only him or her personally, but also the general public and may harm the public interest.

A whistleblowing may be spread in the public interest, such as financial or property waste, corruption, inaction or negligence on the part of officials, threats to occupational safety, tax fraud, breaches of public procurement, abuse of office, etc.

The whistleblower considers the information provided at the time of reporting to be true and his report to be justified. In his report, the whistleblower confirms that the provision of deliberately false information may be called to liability in accordance with regulatory enactments.

As soon as the whistleblower has raised the alarm, he and his relatives are provided with the [guarantees of protection](#) specified in the Whistleblowing Law.

How to raise a whistleblowing?

Anyone can raise a whistleblow by choosing one of the whistleblowing mechanisms:

- internal (himself, at his workplace regarding the violations observed therein);
- referral to the competent authority (the authority responsible for dealing with the matter);
- external (contact point - [State Chancellery](#)).


How to report to the State Railway Technical Inspectorate?

Anyone can contact the State Railway Technical Inspectorate in order to inform about matters within its competence (for example, corruption, abuse of office, dishonesty of officials, etc.) by filling a special [whistleblowing form](#) and sending it to e-mail trauksme@vdzti.gov.lv.

The reports received by the State Railway Technical Inspectorate will only be available to a certain group of employees [*], who will pseudonymise [**] and examine their content or forward them to another authority according to their jurisdiction.

[] the person responsible for the field of whistleblowing for possible disclosure of information to a third party who is not considered to be a contact person on whistleblowing and performing any other activities with an application drawn up as whistleblowing report in accordance with Section 5, Paragraph two of the Law "Freedom of Information Law", Section 19 of the Law "On Prevention of Conflict of Interest in Activities of Public Officials" and Section 329 of the Law "Criminal Law".*

[*] pseudonymisation is a process of masking personal data.*

Whistleblowing form (latvian) 



Whistleblowing template 

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<https://www.vdzti.gov.lv/en/whistleblowing>