

**Assistance League of Ventura County  
WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY**

**Introduction**

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

**Reporting of Concerns or Complaints**

It is the responsibility of all board members, members and volunteers to comply with Assistance League of Ventura County Code of Ethics and applicable law and to report violations or suspected violations in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy.

**Confidentiality**

Assistance League of Ventura County will treat all communications under this policy in a confidential manner, except to the extent necessary 1) to conduct a fair investigation, or 2) for review of Assistance League operations, independent public accountants, and legal counsel.

**Retaliation**

Assistance League of Ventura County 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 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 individual who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of volunteer status or employment. This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable members, volunteers, employees and others to raise serious concerns within Assistance League prior to seeking resolution outside the organization.

**To Report Concerns or Complaints**

Any individual may communicate suspected violations of the Code of Ethics, applicable law, or other wrongdoing or alleged retaliation by contacting either the President or another board member of Assistance League of Ventura County. 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 Assistance League 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.

**Questions**

Please contact the President of Assistance League of Ventura County with any questions regarding this policy.

My signature below indicates my receipt and understanding of this Policy. I also verify that I have been provided with an opportunity to ask questions about the Policy.

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Member Signature

Date