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To report an emergency, fatality, or imminent life threatening situation please contact our toll free number immediately:

1-800-321-OSHA (6742)

TTY 1-877-889-5627

INTRODUCTION & INSTRUCTIONS

OSHA administers more than twenty whistleblower protection laws, including Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Act, which prohibits retaliation against employees who complain about unsafe or unhealthful conditions or exercise other rights under the Act. Each law has a filing deadline, varying from 30 days to 180 days, which starts when the retaliatory action occurs.

A whistleblower complaint must allege four key elements:

- The employee engaged in activity protected by the whistleblower protection law(s) (such as reporting a violation of law);
- . The employer knew about, or suspected, that the employee engaged in the protected activity;
- · The employer took an adverse action against the employee;
- . The employee's protected activity motivated or contributed to the adverse action.

Filing with this form is not required, as OSHA accepts whistleblower complaints made orally (telephone or walk-in at any OSHA office) or in writing, and in any language. If you choose to use this form, you must complete the screens and fields that are marked as "required"; all other screens and fields are optional.

If you file a complaint, OSHA will contact you to determine whether to conduct an investigation. You must respond to OSHA's follow-up contact or your complaint will be dismissed.

A whistleblower complaint filed with OSHA cannot be filed anonymously. If OSHA proceeds with an investigation, OSHA will notify your employer of your complaint and provide the employer with an opportunity to respond. Because your complaint may be shared with the employer, do not include witness names or their contact information on this form; you will have the opportunity to offer evidence in support of your complaint during the investigation.

If you have any questions about the complaint filing or investigative processes, please do not hesitate to call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742).

If you think your job is unsafe and you want to ask for an inspection, you can call 1-800-321-OSHA (6742), or file a "Notice of Alleged Safety or Health Hazards" by clicking here.

Do you want to file an online whistleblower complaint now?

Yes, Launch the Online Whistleblower Complaint Form

No, Return to www.whistleblowers.gov

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This form requests personal information that is relevant and necessary to determine whether and how to conduct an investigation. OSHA collects this information in order to process complaints under its statutory and regulatory authority. Once a complaint is filed, the individual's name and information about the allegations of retaliation will be disclosed to the employer. During the course of an OSHA investigation, information contained in an investigative case file may be disclosed to the parties in order to resolve the complaint. During an investigation, information about the complaining party and the employer will not be released to the public except to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). However, once a case is closed, it is possible that information contained in the complaint or a case file may be released to the public as required by the FOIA. Any such documents will be redacted as appropriate under the FOIA and the Privacy Act.

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, an Agency may not conduct or sponsor, and no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. Public reporting burden for this voluntary collection of information is estimated to be one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Please send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to OSHA.DWPP@dol.gov or to the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs, Department of Labor, Room N4624, 200 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC; 20210; Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Comment. (This address is for comments only; do not send completed complaint forms to this office.)

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way (see examples below).	
If yes, please click all that apply:	
✓ Termination / Layoff	Failure to Hire / Re-hire
Discipline	 Negative Performance Evaluation
Demotion / Reduced Hours	Threat to Take any of the Above Actions
Suspension	Harrassment / Intimidation
 Denial of Benefits 	Other (please describe)
Failure to Promote	please describe

WHEN DID YOU SUFFER THE MOST-RECENT ADVERSE ACTION?

Each whistleblower protection law that OSHA administers requires that complaints be filed within a certain number of days after the alleged adverse action. The time periods vary from 30 days to 180 days, depending on the specific law (statute) that applies. For example, Section 11(c) of the OSH Act, which covers workplace safety and health matters, requires that a complaint be filed within 30 days of the adverse action. Under certain extenuating circumstances, however, OSHA may accept a complaint filed after the deadline has expired. Click here for a summary of the filing deadlines that apply to each statute.

Date of Most-Recent Adverse Action (Required)

mm/dd/yyyy

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(If you cannot remember the exact date, please enter the approximate date.)

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Called / Filed complaint with OSHA Called / Filed complaint with another government agency	Because you engaged in protected concerted activities (group action to improve wage benefits, and working conditions), union activities, supported a union, or chose not to engage in union activities Reported an injury, illness, or accident Participated in safety and health activities	
Name of Agency Contacted		
Complained to management about unlawful conditions, conduct, or practices		
Testified or provided statement in a proceeding (e.g., government inspection or	Refused to perform unsafe or illegal task	
investigation)	Other (please describe)	
Because of your race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information	Please describe why you believe you suffered the adverse action(s)	
Because you complained about failure to pay the minimum wage, overtime pay, wage recordkeeping, child labor, or family and medical leave requirements		
Because you complained about migrant or seasonal worker protections, lie detector tests, or worker protections in certain temporary guest worker programs /hat reason(s) did your employer give for the adverse action(s)?		
Please describe why you believe you suffered the adverse action(s)		
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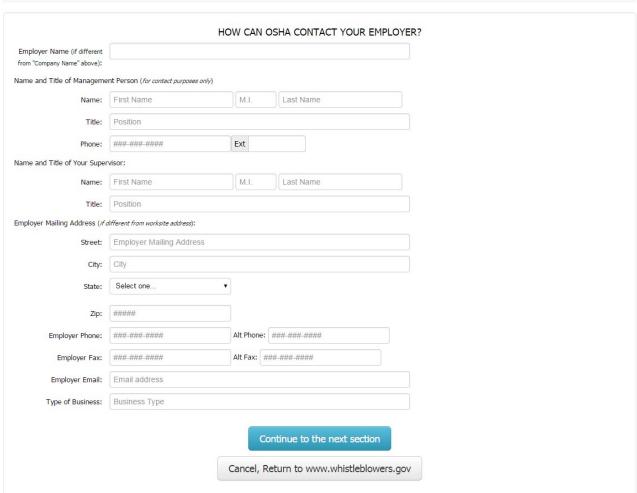
WHEN YOU SUFFERED THE ADVERSE ACTION, WHO DID YOU WORK FOR? Company Name (Required) Hoopla, Inc. Is this a private or public sector employer? (Required) Private Public

WHEN YOU SUFFERED THE ADVERSE ACTION, WHERE WAS YOUR WORKSITE? (e.g., home office; official duty station; dispatch; home terminal) Worksite Address when Alleged Retaliation Occurred (Street, City, State, Zip): Street: Street Address of Worksite City: City State: (Required) Select one... Zip: ##### Continue to the next section Cancel, Return to www.whistleblowers.gov

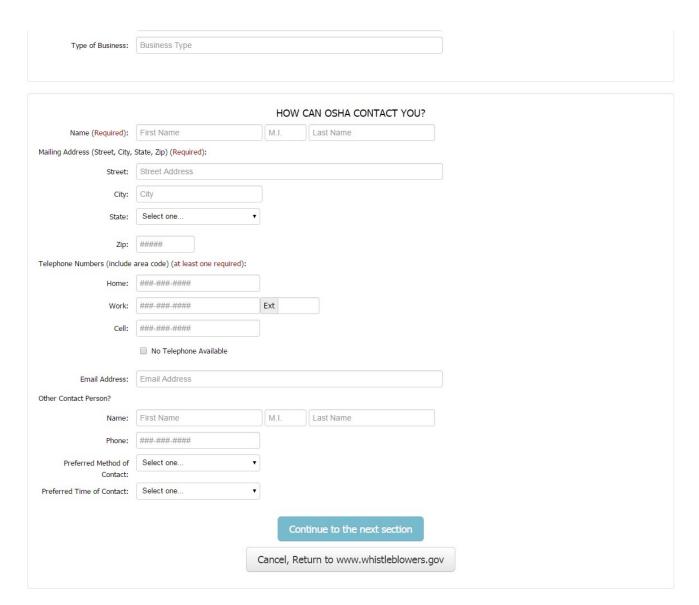
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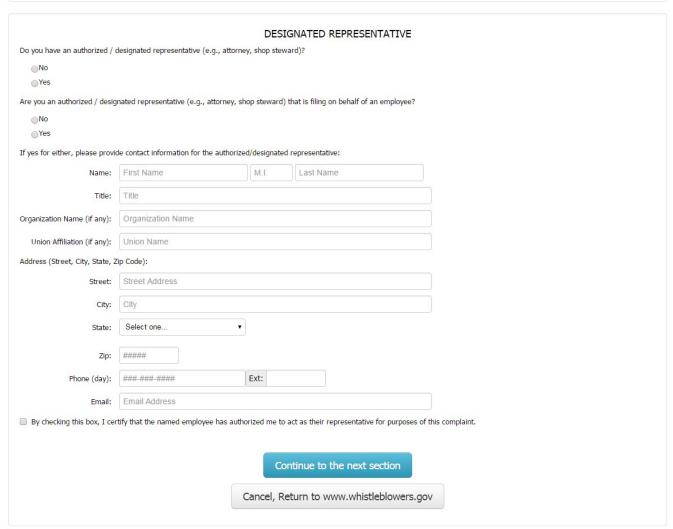
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By checking this box, I certify that the named employee has authorized me to act as their representative for purposes of this complaint.

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Please review the information you have entered to ensure that it is accurate. You may change any answers as needed before submitting the form.

NOTE: It is unlawful to make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement to an agency of the United States. Violations can be punished by a fine or by imprisonment of not more than five years, or by both. See 18 U.S.C. 1001(a); 29 U.S.C. 666(g).

By clicking SUBMIT below, you certify that the information in this complaint is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. Please click "Submit" only once. Remember that you cannot file a whistleblower complaint with OSHA anonymously. If you file a complaint, OSHA will contact you to discuss your complaint. If OSHA proceeds with an investigation, the employer will be notified of your complaint.

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Complaint Received!

Thank you! As of September 29, 2016 5:30 PM US Eastern Time, you have filed a whistleblower retaliation complaint with OSHA using our online filing system.

Your complaint submission reference number is: ECN1234

No further action is necessary at this time. An OSHA representative will contact you using the contact information that you provided in your complaint.

It is very important that you respond to OSHA's follow-up contact.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you.

	HOW DID YOU FIND US?
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