

WHEN IS IT ADVISABLE TO CONTACT THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE?

When a person becomes aware of signs of a criminal offence that may have been committed or is about to be committed, [we recommend making a report directly to the prosecutor's office.](#)

A person should contact the prosecutor's office directly if any of the following circumstances apply:

- The violation is of substantial importance for the public interest;
- It is necessary to prevent or stop the violation as soon as possible, as serious damage could result therefrom;
- Persons having a managerial, employment, service or contractual relationship with the institution may themselves be committing or have committed violations;
- Information about a violation was submitted through an internal whistleblowing channel, but no response was received or no action was taken in response to the information submitted or the measures taken were ineffective;
- There are grounds for believing that the anonymity of the whistleblower or the confidentiality of the person reporting the violation may not be ensured, or that the reported violation will be concealed, by submitting the information on the violation through an internal whistleblowing channel;
- The institution does not have an internal whistleblowing channel in place;
- The person is unable to use the internal whistleblowing channel because he/she no longer has an employment, service or other legal relationship with the institution.