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Whistleblower's
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**A Step-by-Step Guide to Doing
What's Right and Protecting Yourself**



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National Whistleblower Center

From America's leading whistleblower's attorney—a layman's guide to the legal do's and don'ts of exposing workplace wrongdoing

Do you suspect that your employer is skirting safety or environmental rules, cheating on taxes, violating government contracts, committing financial fraud, or breaking the law? That your boss is a crook? Welcome to the ranks of the close to 50 percent of American workers who have witnessed fraud or misconduct at work—about half of whom take initial steps to “do the right thing” by reporting it. Few get far. Despite a revolutionary spate of laws in recent years that not only protect whistleblowers but also provide for large monetary rewards, the legislative labyrinth remains daunting. All too often this means silence, lost court cases, damaged careers, and a failure to effect real change.

Now, from the nation's top whistleblower attorney, comes the first-ever consumer guide to whistleblowing. Stephen Martin Kohn sets forth, in the clearest terms, twenty-one basic rules every potential whistleblower needs to know—from finding the best federal and state laws to knowing your way around the far-reaching Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, and from the dangers of blindly trusting internal corporate “hotlines” to obtaining the proof you need to win the case. Also included are six easy-reference checklists on whistleblower reward laws and other legislation.

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