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## Basic Principles



The BBC is committed to the highest standards of honesty, integrity, objectivity and fairness. All individuals should comply with the basic principles listed below:

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### Basic Principles

These are the basic principles that the BBC expects all individuals to follow in order to prevent bribery and corruption globally within our organisation.

Never offer or accept bribes

Never offer or accept personal favours

Never make a payment to a government official unless it is in accordance with the law

Ensure that **third parties** are aware of our stand against bribery and corruption and never do a deal with a third party that is likely to bring the BBC's reputation into disrepute

In addition, the BBC has developed the Anti-Fraud Framework and associated policies to provide an appropriately controlled environment. Never turn a blind eye to fraud or corruption. If you have a strong suspicion or any concern that it is or may be taking place, speak to your Board Director/**AFCO** (Assistant Fraud Control Officer) or, if you wish to remain anonymous, call the **whistleblowing hotline**.

1. **Never accept or offer a bribe.** Bribery may be seen as an accepted practice in some overseas territories but it is not how the BBC does business. If you are unclear on what constitutes a bribe, click here for some **practical examples**. If you are ever in doubt or require advice do not hesitate to contact your divisional **Assistant Fraud Control Officer (AFCO)**
2. **Never accept or offer any personal favours.** 'Soft money' activities (e.g. perks such as overseas trips or school placements) may be seen as an inducement to enter or renew a contract.
3. **Never make a payment to a government official unless it is in accordance with the law.** Always seek independent verification (in writing) that it is legitimate. Legitimate charges will be publically available.
4. Ensure all the third parties that you deal with are aware of and acknowledge **the BBC's stand against Bribery and Corruption**. You should ensure that you perform sufficient checks on third parties that you deal with, in order to sufficiently protect the BBC from bribery and corruption risks. Refer to our "**Knowing Third Parties**" section for more help on how to adequately assess third parties

*NOTE: The commercial divisions of **BBC Worldwide** and **BBC World** also have their own Anti-Fraud and Corruption Codes of Conduct which their staff are required to sign-up to and comply with.*

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