

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. When should an individual go to the Inspector General?

The Inspector General system provides an alternative to the chain of command. However, most issues are solved through unit administrative action. Issues or allegations of wrongdoing that cannot or have not been resolved by the chain of command within a reasonable timeframe should be brought to the Inspector General for assistance. If redress is available through other channels, the complainant will usually be directed to go back to the appropriate channel first.

2. What types of complaints are not appropriate for the Inspector General?

The Inspector General will assist complainants with contacting the appropriate agency best suited to address their issue or allegation if determined to not be appropriate for the Inspector General.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- **Criminal allegations** (contact local law enforcement; contact chain of command)
- **Issues and allegations not of Army/ Air Force interest**
- **Issues with other forms of redress** - In many situations, numerous laws and regulations provide a Service Member or Civilian employee remedy or means of redress. Complainants must seek the prescribed redress or remedy before an Inspector General can provide assistance per Army Regulation 20-1, paragraph 6-3b & Air Force Instruction 90-301, paragraph 2.3.
 - o **Family Non-Support**
 - Army Regulation 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody, and Paternity
 - Air Force Instruction 36-2906, Personal Financial Responsibilities
 - o **Officer evaluation reports**
 - Army Regulation 623-3, Evaluation Reporting System
 - Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems
 - o **Non-Commissioned Officer evaluation reports**
 - Army Regulation 623-3, Evaluation Reporting System
 - Air Force Instruction 36-2406, Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Systems
 - o **Equal Opportunity complaints**
 - Maryland National Guard Equal Opportunity/
Equal Employment Opportunity Office (Army & Air)

Fifth Regiment Armory, 29th Division St
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-576-6045

<https://military.maryland.gov/NG/Pages/equal-opportunity.aspx>

- **Type of discharge received**

- Army Regulation 135–175, Separation of Officers
- Army Regulation 635-200, Active Duty Enlisted Separations
- Air Force Instruction 36-3207, Separating Commissioned Officers
- Air Force Instruction 36-3208, Administrative Separation of Airmen

- **Security clearances**

- Army Regulation 380-67, Personnel Security Program
- Air Force Manual 16-1405, Air Force Personnel Security Program Management

3. What should I expect when I go to the Inspector General?

You will be asked to complete and sign a Department of the Army Form 1559 Inspector General Action Request or Air Force Form 102 Inspector General Complaint Form.

Be prepared to provide details and documentation to support your request for assistance or any allegations of wrong-doing.

- It is the complainant's responsibility to present truthful information.
- Resolution comes from facts and evidence - not opinions or hearsay.

4. Is my confidentiality guaranteed?

Confidentiality is not guaranteed. Unless unavoidable, the Inspector General will not disclose the complainant's identity when working a case. However, many issues cannot be resolved without identifying the affected Soldier(s). Consent

5. Can individuals be restricted from, or punished for, going to the IG?

No. It is the right of all individuals, military and civilian, to address their concerns with the Inspector General. Any restriction of that right or unfavorable action taken as a result of a protected communication could be a violation of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1034 (10 USC 1034) and should be reported immediately.

Resources:

- **Army Publishing Directorate**
<https://armypubs.army.mil/>
- **Army Regulation 20-1, Inspector General Activities and Procedures**
https://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/DR_pubs/DR_a/pdf/web/ARN8255_AR20-1_FINAL.pdf
- **Department of the Army Form 1559 - Inspector General Action Request**
https://armypubs.army.mil/pub/eforms/DR_a/pdf/ARN12856_A1559_Final.pdf
- **Department of the Air Force E-Publishing**
<https://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>
- **Air Force Instruction 90-301, Inspector General Complaints Resolution**
https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/saf_ig/publication/afi90-301/afi90-301.pdf
- **Air Force Form 102, Inspector General Complaint Form**
https://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/saf_ig/form/af102/af102.pdf
- **175th Wing Inspector General (Maryland Air National Guard)**
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