

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE RRB



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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) was authorized by law in 1983. The Inspector General is appointed by the President and is independent from the three member Board which directs the activities of the agency.

MISSION:

The primary purpose of the OIG is to prevent waste, fraud and abuse and to promote efficiency in the operations of the RRB. The OIG plays an integral part in maintaining effective programs and operations at the RRB.

AUTHORITIES:

The OIG has authority to conduct audits and investigations, take statements and issue subpoenas. The results of OIG investigations are reported to the Department of Justice to determine if offenders will be prosecuted.

The following are some examples of matters that you should report to the Inspector General:

- A railroad worker is laid off from a railroad job, submits a claim for unemployment benefits, but is working and receiving wages on the same days for which benefits are claimed
- A covered railroad employer fails to report accurate service and compensation information for employees to the RRB.
- A widow(er) or divorced spouse or a railroad worker remarries, but does not inform the RRB or his or her remarriage.
- A disabled railroad worker, who receives an RRB disability annuity, does not inform the RRB that he or she is working and receiving wages; or is self-employed.
- A retired railroad worker dies and a relative, friend or caretaker continues to receive the retirement annuity payments and uses the money for their own purposes.
- A spouse of a retired railroad worker applies for a spouse annuity but does not tell the RRB about receipt of a public service pension as a result of his or her own employment.
- A relative of the retired railroad worker, who is a representative payee and receives benefits on behalf of the retiree, uses the annuity payments for personal purposes and fails to pay for nursing home care or other expenses of the retiree.
- You believe that a physician or some other medical provider is submitting false claims to Medicare related to medical treatment for a RRB annuitant.

The integrity and security of the RRB trust funds are paramount. If you are aware of any person illegally collecting RRB benefits, contact the OIG personally, in writing or call the OIG HOTLINE. You may request confidentiality when reporting matters to the OIG.

INSPECTOR GENERAL HOTLINE

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