Our namesake, George Washington, lived by the credo “deeds not words,” holding himself and others to a high ethical standard. As members of the university community it is up to us to do the same.

At GW, we conduct our activities with the highest standards of conduct in mind.

THE COMPLIANCE AND PRIVACY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU:

1. Understand your responsibilities
2. Find tools and support
3. Make smart choices
RESPONSIBILITIES

RESPECT
Exercise respect for the rights and dignity of others and speak up when they are being violated.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Hold ourselves and each other accountable for our actions.

SPEAK UP
Speak up in the event of violations of the law and/or university policies.

MANAGE RESPONSIBLY
Be a responsible manager of university resources.

PROTECT INFORMATION
Use information management principles to protect university information.

TOOLS AND SUPPORT

UNIVERSITY POLICIES
compliance.gwu.edu/find-policy

CONSULTATION
by emailing comply@gwu.edu or calling 202-994-3386

PROTECTING INFORMATION
compliance.gwu.edu/information-management

CONFIDENTIAL ONLINE REPORTING
www.gwu.ethicspoint.com

24/7 CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE
(WITH THE OPTION OF ANONYMITY)
1-888-508-5275

MAKE SMART CHOICES

When you have a difficult decision to make, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Does the action comply with the law and/or university policies?
2. Is the action consistent with GW’s values?
3. Do you think it is the right thing to do?

If you believe the answer to any of these questions is “no” or you are unsure, then ask for help by discussing with your supervisor or department head, or contact us for assistance, prior to making the decision.

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