



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Department of Military Affairs
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SOLDIERS AT NMARNG

SUBJECT: The Right of Soldiers to Present Complaints – or Request Assistance from – the Inspector General

1. All soldiers have the right to present complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance to the Inspector General. These complaints or grievances may include what Soldiers reasonably believe to be evidence of fraud, waste, and abuse.
2. Before visiting the Inspector General, you should consider whether your chain of command can address your concerns in a more prompt manner. However, you are not required to present your concerns to your chain of command before contacting the Inspector General. Remember to obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the Inspector General during duty hours. You are not required to tell anyone why you want to speak to an Inspector General.
3. You may visit, call, or write your local Inspector General using the following contact information: LTC Warren M. Perry, USPFO building, Room 111, 24 Bataan Blvd., Santa Fe, NM 85708, (505) 474-1321, or Ms. Loretta M. Rael, Assistant Inspector General, at (505) 474-1320.
4. If you believe that your local Inspector General's response to your concerns is not fair, complete, or in accordance with law or regulation – or if you believe that contacting your local Inspector General may jeopardize your interests – you may call National Guard Bureau IG at (703) 607-2539, or DSN 327-2539. You may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) or the Department of Defense Inspector General (DODIG) Hotline. Their telephone numbers are DAIG Assistance Line: 1-800-752-9747 (toll free) and DODIG Hotline: 1-800-424-9098 (toll free).
5. Department of the Army personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the Inspector General. These same individuals are prohibited from taking any disciplinary or adverse action against you for filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the Inspector General, a member of Congress, or any agency established to receive such complaints. However, if you knowingly make false accusations to the Inspector General, you may be subject to disciplinary action.
6. In accordance with AR 20-1, paragraph 1-12, the Inspector General has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This requirement to protect confidentiality is

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true for all persons who ask the Inspector General for help, make a complaint, contact or assist
an Inspector General during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with an
Inspector General.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren M. Perry". The signature is stylized and cursive.

WARREN M. PERRY

LTC, IG

Inspector General