

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC)

Criminal Networks Fact Sheet

How to use this fact sheet



The fact sheet is written in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

An organisation called IBAC wrote this fact sheet.



IBAC stands for Independent Broad-based
Anti-corruption Commission.

When you see the word 'we' it means IBAC.



You can ask for help to read this document.



A friend, family member or support person may
be able to help you.



Corruption is when people who work for the government do the wrong thing.

The word corruption can mean:



- not telling the truth
- doing things that don't help the community
- breaking the law
- stealing money or goods
- using your job to get benefits, like taking money to do something illegal.



We say people who work for the government are in the public sector.

Different types of people work in the public sector such as:



- police officers
- government staff
- judges and people working in the court
- council workers.



Our job is to make sure there is no corruption in the public sector in Victoria.

You can report corruption to IBAC and we will:



- keep your information safe and private
- investigate the report
- help find solutions.

This fact sheet is about criminal networks.



What are criminal networks?

Criminal networks are groups of people working together to commit serious crimes.



Criminal networks can try to influence people to do illegal activities.

Examples of illegal activities include:

- getting access to information that is not allowed to be shared
- stealing money by doing the paperwork wrong
- selling information that is not allowed to be shared.





Who can be targeted by criminal networks?

Criminal networks can try to influence all public sector employees.

Some public sector organisations have access to information or items that criminal networks want.

The information and items that criminal networks want can be:



- information about people's personal details
- information about security
- information about planning
- items that are very expensive.



How do you know when corruption is happening?

Working with criminal networks is corruption.

There are signs that corruption might be happening such as:



- people asking for information that is not part of their job
- people trying to access security systems they are not allowed to access





- paperwork that is filled out wrong
- people working unusual hours.

How can you protect yourself from criminal networks?

There are things you can do to protect yourself from criminal networks such as:



- being careful when sharing information about work with people on social media
- being careful accepting a friend request on social media
- checking your security systems are working
- not accepting money from people outside of your organisation if they ask you for information
- not sharing information that you are not allowed to share
- reporting corruption if you think it is happening.



What can you do if you see corruption?

People who work in the public sector need to know when to make a report to IBAC.





You should tell IBAC about any activity that does not seem right.

You should tell IBAC if you think someone is working with a criminal network.



We keep your personal information safe.

We do not tell the people you report any personal information.



You can make a report by going to this website:

<https://www.ibac.vic.gov.au/>



You can make a report by calling this phone number: 1300 735 135

If you need a translator, call the phone number.