

## Resources on Pandemic-Related Ethics Issues (Misuse of Position and Government Resources)

This is the sixth in a series of resource compilations that address ethics issues agencies may face when responding to COVID-19 and/or managing the disruptions caused by the pandemic. Provided below are resources related to misuse of position and government resources.

### OGE Classes and Training Materials:

- **Misuse of Position: An Overview of Subpart G.** In this 90 minute webinar, participants reviewed the restrictions in Subpart G of the Standards of Conduct on Misuse of Position. The webinar offered an overview of the various provisions of this subpart and a discussion of some of the most common and recurring questions ethics officials receive.  
<https://extapps2.oge.gov/Training/OGETraining.nsf/OGECourse.xsp?action=openDocument&documentId=ABBD62ECEA6A3C0D852581F00058FD11>

### OGE Advisories:

- **LA-15-03: The Standards of Conduct as Applied to Personal Social Media Use.** This Legal Advisory discusses how the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Executive Branch Employees apply to employees' personal social media activities. The Legal Advisory focuses on common issues such as when an employee can reference his or her title on a personal social media account, and what rules apply to personal fundraising on social media.  
[https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/Legal%20Advisories/16D5B5EB7E5DE11A85257E96005FBF13/\\$FILE/LA-15-03-2.pdf?open](https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/Legal%20Advisories/16D5B5EB7E5DE11A85257E96005FBF13/$FILE/LA-15-03-2.pdf?open)
- **LA-14-08: Reference to Official Title and Position by Employees Affiliated with Private Organizations in Their Personal Capacity.** This Legal Advisory provides guidance to agencies on factors to consider in determining whether references to an employee's title or position made by a private organization with which the employee is affiliated would create an impermissible appearance of government sanction or endorsement.  
[https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/0/499D1AE6739995AA85257E96005FBF0E/\\$FILE/16e1d4fbf5b544e3a8eb10f9b1f3a4262.pdf](https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/0/499D1AE6739995AA85257E96005FBF0E/$FILE/16e1d4fbf5b544e3a8eb10f9b1f3a4262.pdf)
- **07x11: Misuse of Federal Position to Help Another Person Get a Job.** This memorandum outlines several factors that an executive branch employee should consider in deciding when it is appropriate to assist an associate, either another Government employee or a private party, in efforts to obtain private sector employment.  
[https://www.oge.gov/Web/oge.nsf/0/FB11368C5A09DEA085257E96005FBE4D/\\$FILE/4515874007b84a178a40bbb4b3820bbc5.pdf](https://www.oge.gov/Web/oge.nsf/0/FB11368C5A09DEA085257E96005FBE4D/$FILE/4515874007b84a178a40bbb4b3820bbc5.pdf)