



**Homeland
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Reporting a Potential CFATS Violation

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regulates security at high-risk chemical facilities under the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) program, 6 C.F.R. Part 27. Under CFATS, facilities that have been determined by DHS to be high-risk are required to develop and implement security plans that meet applicable risk-based performance standards (RBPS). CFATS was created pursuant to Section 550 of the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2007, and Congress re-authorized and amended the program in 2014 through the CFATS Act of 2014 (6 U.S.C. § 621, et seq.).



Potential CFATS violations

Chemical security is a shared responsibility among chemical facility owners, operators, and employees; the communities that surround these facilities; and Federal, State, and local government officials. Any individual may report a potential CFATS violation to the Department, and chemical facilities of interest are prohibited by law from retaliating against an employee or contractor for reporting the potential violation.

All chemical facilities that are finally determined to be high-risk must have security measures in place to reduce the risks associated with chemicals of interest listed in Appendix A. Potential CFATS violations may include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to submit a Top-Screen;
- Knowing submission of false information;
- Failure to implement Site Security Plan (SSP) security measures; and/or
- Failure to maintain records.

How to report a CFATS violation

To submit a report to the Department regarding a potential CFATS violation, contact the CFATS Chemical Facility Security Tip Line, 877-394-4347 (877-FYI 4 DHS), or email CFATSTips@hq.dhs.gov. Individuals may also report violations via mail at:

Director, Infrastructure Security Compliance Division
Office of Infrastructure Protection
Department of Homeland Security
Mail Stop 0610
245 Murray Lane
Washington, D.C. 20528

The Department will acknowledge receipt of the information, review and consider the information provided, and take action, as appropriate.

If a security incident may already have occurred, call the National Infrastructure Coordinating Center: 202-282-9201. If this is a security emergency or terrorist incident, call 911 or contact your local FBI field office.

The Department encourages anyone reporting a potential violation to identify himself or herself when making a report. This will allow DHS to acknowledge receipt of the information and facilitates the review of the violation. The Department is committed to protecting whistleblower confidentiality; the identity of an individual who reports a violation will be kept confidential unless disclosure is unavoidable or is compelled by a court order. In these instances, the Department will attempt to contact the whistleblower to inform him or her of the communication.

DHS will accept violations reported anonymously; however, in such instances, the Department will be unable to provide acknowledgement of receipt of the information. Additionally, such reports can pose challenges as DHS cannot contact an anonymous reporter to obtain additional information. For anonymous reports, please provide a detailed description of the nature of the potential violation, including, where possible, names and dates.

Contact Information

For more information, visit: <http://www.dhs.gov/chemicalsecurity>. To speak with a DHS representative about the CFATS regulatory program, please contact CFATS@hq.dhs.gov.