



Prohibited Personnel Practices

By law, Federal employees **may not**:

- Discriminate
 - Solicit or consider employment recommendations based on factors other than personal knowledge or records of job related abilities or characteristics
 - Coerce the political activity of any person
 - Deceive or willfully obstruct any person from competing for employment
 - Influence any person to withdraw from job competition
 - Give an unauthorized preference or advantage to improve or injure the prospects of any particular person for employment
 - Engage in nepotism
 - Take or threaten to take a personnel action because of whistleblowing
 - Take or threaten to take a personnel action because of the exercise of a lawful appeal, complaint, or grievance right
 - Discriminate based on personal conduct which does not adversely affect the performance of the employee or other employees
 - Knowingly take or fail to take personnel action in the violation of veteran's preference laws
 - Violate any law, rule or regulation implementing or directly concerning merit system principles
 - Implement or enforce a nondisclosure agreement or policy lacking notification of whistleblower rights
 - Access the medical record of an employee or applicant, as part of, or in furtherance of any of the above-listed prohibitions
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