



# Whistleblower Guide

## How to Share Information Safely

For information purposes only. You decide what risk is safe for you.

# GOLDEN RULES FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS

(Read this before you share anything)

## Protect Yourself First

- Think about your personal risk before sending information
- If in doubt, choose the more secure tier

## Use Separate Devices

- Don't use your work phone, work email, or office computer
- A cheap second-hand or burner device is safer

## Choose The Right Location

- For high-risk submissions, avoid using your home or work network. If possible, use Tor or Tails on a device not linked to you
- Public Wi-Fi can reduce attribution to your personal account, but remember it is not inherently secure — always combine it with Tor/Tails

## Don't Mix Channels

- If you start on the submission form, don't later switch to Signal
- Stick to one method to keep your identity safe

## Only Share What's Needed

- Don't include personal details unless essential
- Never forward sensitive emails from your work account, copy only what's relevant

## Stay Anonymous

- All tiers allow you to remain anonymous
- We'll never ask for unnecessary personal information

## Seek Legal Advice

- Restore Britain cannot provide legal advice to whistleblowers. If you are uncertain about your legal position, please seek independent legal counsel.
- We don't encourage breaking laws or contracts
- Responsibility for disclosure rests with you, but we will protect your confidentiality.

# TIER 1: LOW SENSITIVITY (SUBMISSION FORM)

## What this is for:

- General leads, tips, or links to information already partly in the public domain
- Useful if you want to flag something but don't believe you're at personal risk

## Examples:

- A local council report that seems unusual
- A policy change that hasn't been covered in the press

## Important:

- Do not upload sensitive documents, personal identifiers, or anything classified
- This channel is not secure for high-risk material
- If your tip feels sensitive, move to Tier 2 or Tier 3 BEFORE submitting

## How it works:

- Submit your lead using our submission form, [available here](#)
- You can remain anonymous, but remember: our submission form is not end-to-end encrypted
- Submissions are reviewed by our investigations team and assigned a case ID

# TIER 2: MODERATE SENSITIVITY (SIGNAL)

## What this is for:

- Sharing files, photos, emails, or information that isn't public
- When you want stronger privacy, but you don't believe you're at immediate risk

## Examples:

- Screenshots of internal emails
- Photos of documents
- Details of misconduct at work

## Important:

- Use a burner phone or secondary device if possible.
- Do not use your personal phone number if you are worried about being identified.
- Set disappearing messages (we recommend 7 days).

## How it works:

- Download Signal (free) from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
- Add our dedicated Signal account: RestoreBritainSecure.74
- Send your message or files.
- We will confirm safe receipt.

# TIER 3: HIGH SENSITIVITY (PRIVATE ONION SERVICE)

## What this is for:

- The most sensitive, high-risk information where your identity must stay completely hidden
- Serious disclosures: government or corporate misconduct, leaks of confidential documents, or anything that could put you at personal risk

## Examples:

- Internal government or corporate reports
- Whistleblowing on criminal or unethical practices
- Material that could be traced back to you

## Important:

- Never access our private onion service from your personal computer or phone
- Always use the Tor Browser or Tails OS for maximum safety
- Do not mix this with other channels (submission form, email, etc)
- For extra safety, use a public computer or Wi-Fi not linked to you
- If you work in government or for a contractor, the Official Secrets Act 1989 may apply. This law makes it a crime to share certain types of information (defence, security, intelligence, international relations). There is no “public interest” defence. If you’re unsure, get independent legal advice before sending.

## How it works:

- Download Tor Browser, [available here](#)
- Contact us via our Signal channel to request a private onion drop-off link
- We’ll provide you with a one-time .onion address generated just for your submission
- Open it in Tor, upload your files or message
- The address will expire once the transfer is complete, ensuring maximum security

# TIER 3: HIGH SENSITIVITY (PHYSICAL PO BOX SUBMISSIONS)

## What this is for:

- The safest option if you cannot risk any digital trail.
- High-risk information where posting physical materials is the most secure route.
- Serious disclosures: government or corporate misconduct, internal papers, printed documents, or anything that could put you at personal or professional risk.

## Examples:

- Internal government or corporate documents
- Printed evidence, memos, briefings
- USB sticks or SD cards with files
- Material that could be traced back to your device or network

## Important:

- Do not post from home or work
- Avoid including any names, handwriting, or identifiable stationery
- For maximum safety, post from a public mailbox in a busy area
- Do not mix this with any other channel (email, form, Signal, etc.)
- If you work in government/defence, the Official Secrets Act 1989 may apply, there is no public interest defence. Seek legal advice if unsure.

## How it works:

- Place your documents or media in a plain, unmarked envelope
- Do not include your identity or a return address
- Send to:  
Restore Britain – Whistleblower Submissions  
PO Box 5432  
Bridlington, East Riding of Yorkshire  
YO15 9AU
- We collect mail at irregular intervals for security
- All materials are opened offline by trained handlers
- If you want follow-up, include a safe contact (e.g. ProtonMail or a one-time email) otherwise it remains fully anonymous

# DISCLAIMERS

## Official Secrets Act 1989

- The Official Secrets Act 1989 applies automatically to Crown servants, contractors, and others with access to restricted material. You may be bound by the Act even if you have never signed it, and regardless of your current or past employment status.
- Disclosing information covered by the Act is a criminal offence punishable by imprisonment of up to 14 years. Restore Britain cannot protect whistleblowers from prosecution under the Official Secrets Act. Responsibility for lawful disclosure remains with the sender.

## Confidentiality & Contracts

- If you are bound by confidentiality agreements, employment contracts, or professional duties of secrecy, you may be at risk if you disclose material obtained through those means.
- Restore Britain cannot indemnify you against civil or criminal liability. If you are uncertain, you should seek independent legal advice before making a disclosure.

## Legal Advice

- Restore Britain does not provide legal, financial, or operational advice to whistleblowers. Our role is to provide secure submission channels and to assess information for journalistic purposes.
- Whistleblowers are strongly encouraged to seek independent legal advice if they are unsure of their legal position.

## Safety & Emergency Situations

- If you believe you are in immediate danger before, during, or after making a disclosure, you should contact the police or emergency services immediately.
- Restore Britain cannot provide emergency assistance.

## Publication & Editorial Judgement

- Submitting information does not guarantee investigation or publication.
- Restore Britain investigates and verifies all material independently and exercises editorial judgement in line with the Defamation Act 2013 and the public interest.



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## INVESTIGATIONS

## Thank You for Considering Sharing With Us

Your safety comes first. Every measure we've put in place is designed to protect you, not just the information.

### Golden Rules To Remember:

- Choose the right Tier for your level of risk.
- Don't switch between channels once you've started.
- Use a safe device and location whenever possible.
- Never share personal details unless absolutely necessary.
- We will never ask for unnecessary information.

### Helpful Links

- [Submission form](#)
- [Tor Browser](#)
- [Signal App](#) - RestoreBritainSecure.74

### Contact

- [ContactRestoreBritain@protonmail.com](mailto:ContactRestoreBritain@protonmail.com)
- Do not send sensitive disclosures to this email. Use the tiered channels above for whistleblowing.