## Debris Removal

These activities are susceptible to false claims, false statements, bribery, and conflicts of interest.

**Recognize and Report Fraud in Federally Funded Programs, Contracts, and Grants**

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# Selected "Red Flag" Indicators of Fraud Involving Debris Removal

## False Claims

- ✓ False load tickets
- ✓ Inflated costs or double billing for work
- ✓ False or altered invoices
- ✓ False labor costs or payroll padding
- ✓ False pick-up locations for ineligible debris

## False Statements

- ✓ Lies about paying subcontractors for services
- ✓ Inaccurate load capacities posted on trucks

## Bribery

- ✓ Payments to influence contract award
- ✓ Payments for selection as subcontractor
- ✓ Payments during performance to ignore problems
- ✓ Payments to overstate debris volumes or weights
- ✓ Payments to write load tickets
- ✓ Payments from property owners to select dump site

## Conflicts of Interest

- ✓ Government official has dollar interest in contractor
- ✓ Contractor hires relative of contracting official

**Contact OIG using any of the following methods:**

**Online complaint form:** www.oig.dot.gov/hotlineform.jsp

**Telephone:** (800) 424-9071

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