



Experiences
That Matter



Code of Conduct



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CEO Message

Alan Masarek, President and Chief Executive Officer

The immense trust that Avaya customers place in our company—this is the foundation of our iconic brand and long-standing success, and it's a primary reason that I am so excited for the opportunity to lead Avaya. This trust is core to our business and to our future, and we do not take it lightly. As we revitalize our culture and our business, we are doubling down in our commitment to being fully open, honest, direct and transparent in all interactions with our customers, our partners, and all of our stakeholders.

This is where the Avaya Code of Conduct comes in. This is not simply a required policy that sits on a proverbial shelf. Our Code of Conduct serves as the North Star for maintaining our principles and high standards of business and professional conduct, and our map to guide us in making the right decisions all along our way. It is designed to help all of us do the right things, the right way, and for the right reasons. It's a tool that we should all refer to regularly to ensure we make responsible and ethical business decisions, for the benefit of everyone involved.

The Avaya Code of Conduct lays out our expectations for honesty and integrity regarding interactions with our customers, partners, suppliers, colleagues and other third parties; guidance regarding promoting our interests and protecting

Avaya assets; and information regarding Avaya policies to ensure compliance with applicable laws. All in a user-friendly format. When used in conjunction with the Avaya Ethics and Integrity website with its links to related corporate policies and answers to frequently asked questions, it provides a well-rounded basis for doing business the right way and earning the continued trust that so many place in Avaya every day.

Of course, no policy can specifically cover every potential situation. If you have questions or requests for guidance related to our Code of Conduct, contact the Avaya Global Ethics and Integrity Team at compliance@avaya.com. Please do not hesitate to submit a report of misconduct using any reporting method described in the code.

Avaya has a bright future ahead. One of the core ways we all can prepare to win is by continuing to operate with integrity and guided by high ethical business standards. It's what I focus on for myself, and what I expect from every Avaya associate, every day. It's how we will build something very special together.

Mission and Vision

Mission

Avaya is reimagining digital communications with innovation that defines the future of work and the customer experience. Our Avaya OneCloud ecosystem and its solutions empower organizations to deliver experiences that matter to customers and employees alike.

Vision

To reimagine the ways people and businesses engage and experience the world.

Cultural Principles

Avaya is committed to fostering a culture in which each of us demonstrates the following five cultural principles in each and every interaction – with customers, partners, suppliers, colleagues, community members and other stakeholders. We firmly believe that a culture that embodies these principles will drive the business forward and better enable Avaya to service customer needs and address customer challenges.

Inclusion

- Respect everyone's right to express and present themselves relative to their culture, religion, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender-identity, physical, and mental ability.
- Acknowledge individuals have unique and particular needs in the workplace to be successful.
- We will actively seek to advance inclusive practices via hiring, promotion, and employee development.

Teamwork

- We are a team of goal-focused individuals with specialized expertise and complementary skills who collaborate, innovate and strive to produce consistently superior results.
- In groups, we relentlessly pursue performance excellence through shared goals, shared leadership, collaboration, open communication, clear role expectations and group operating rules, early conflict.

Accountability

- The best team members take ownership of issues and collaborate with other team members whenever challenges arise to make us all better at what we do.
- We hold ourselves accountable to our customers, partners and colleagues. Each of us appreciates that we have a duty as individuals and collectively, as an organization, to take ownership of our responsibilities and our performance.
- Each person is expected to understand the impact of their actions and to not only be accountable for their area but also lead by example and take appropriate action to address issues so that the individual, the team and the company win.

Simplicity

- Our approach to doing business is to make each experience with Avaya simple.
- Simplicity is about focusing on removing unnecessary complexity, complications and challenges from our solutions, processes and services so that each interaction is user friendly and creating value add.
- We are committed to offering easy to use solutions, delivering customer-friendly services and developing efficient processes for our employees.

Empowerment

- In an environment that fosters innovation, we give our employees the power to make thoughtful, business-focused decisions with the proper levels of encouragement and coaching.
- We look to create a favorable environment in which individuals and teams can set their own goals and are encouraged to grow their skills, leverage resources and assume challenges where they believe they can offer solutions.

Trust

- We actively build relationships with all the constituencies of our business – including our customers, partners, colleagues and communities. We build trust by listening, following through and keeping our commitments.
- We rely on our customers, partners, colleagues and other stakeholders to also follow through with what they say they will do.
- We do the right thing even when there is pressure not to do so and make decisions based on what's good for the organization. We foster an environment where we support our colleagues.

Speak Up Without Fear

We understand that coming forward to report misconduct may not be easy, but you are not only empowered to do so but also expected to do so. No issue is too small. If you feel something is being done in a manner that is unethical or in violation of the Code, Avaya policies, or applicable laws, it is your responsibility to report. Avaya will not retaliate against anyone who makes a report in good faith. Employees can submit reports utilizing one of several channels:

- Direct manager
- Leadership
- Human Resources
- Legal team
- Compliance team at compliance@avaya.com
- Avaya's confidential helpline

Reports can be made anonymously using Avaya's confidential helpline that can be accessed through the following means:

- In the U.S.: 1-877-99-ETHIC (1-877-993-8442)
- Outside the U.S.: +1-908-953-7276
- Via the web at <https://app.convercent.com/en-us/Anonymous/IssueIntake/IdentifyOrganization>

Employees are encouraged, but not required, to submit reports to their managers in the first instance.

All reports are taken seriously and investigated. We seek to maintain confidentiality during the course of any investigation where allowed by law. To respect the individuals involved in any investigation and to further maintain confidentiality, information regarding investigation status, findings and results are not shared with reporters.





Being Accountable

Violations of the Code, any Avaya policy or applicable law will be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. Certain violations of the law may also include fines, prosecution and prison sentences.

Trust

The following should concern you and be reported:

- Being asked to intentionally ignore an Avaya policy.
- Phrases such as:
 - “Just do it, we can ask for forgiveness later.”
 - “We can verbally agree to that, don’t put it in the contract.”
- Not cooperating with an investigation.
- Being asked not to report something that concerns you.

Trustworthy

Q: What if it would be to Avaya’s advantage to conduct business in a manner that is illegal or unethical?

A: We always conduct business in compliance with the Code and operate in compliance with the law, even if it means losing a deal.

Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption

IMPORTANT: Do not offer bribes, accept bribes or let others offer or accept bribes for you. Do not make any kind of facilitation payments.

Our Policy

Avaya prohibits giving or offering of anything of value to anyone, to improperly:

- Influence any decision that impacts Avaya
- Obtain or retain business for Avaya
- Secure any business advantage for Avaya

Avaya also prohibits facilitation or grease payments, which are payments made directly to government officials designed to speed up routine government processes or activities. Generally, facilitation payments are made in cash and to a person. Please note that expediting fees that are published and universally available are not deemed facilitation payments and are acceptable.

Avaya also prohibits commercial bribery, which violates the laws of many countries (e.g., UK Anti-Bribery Act, U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act). Any bribe or improper payment to current or prospective customers, including, but not limited to, government officials, or suppliers could subject you to consequences beyond disciplinary action by Avaya, such as prosecution.

Prevent bribery by others who conduct business on our behalf by complying with the processes established to ensure that we know the third parties with whom we are engaging in business, understanding the scope of each transaction and ensuring discounts are passed down to the appropriate end customer.





Showing Accountability

- Never give anything of value to influence a decision or obtain improper business advantage.
- Follow the corporate gift giving guidelines.
- Do not donate Avaya funds to political entities.
- Notify the compliance team if you are being directed to use a specific consultant by a government employee, business partner or supplier.
- If commissions seem too large for the services provided, they probably are and you should seek guidance.
- Follow company guidelines for engaging partners, suppliers and consultants.

Trustworthy

Q: The Finance department manager needs to take an international business trip on short notice to conduct business in person; however, she needs a visa to do so. The manager's assistant learns that the process of obtaining a visa takes longer than she'd anticipated, and now she's looking for a way to expedite the process. What should she do?

A: In many cases, the office, agency, or department you are working with will offer an expedited service at a set and published fee schedule. Payment of this fee may be allowed under our policy. However, if you are asked to make a facilitation payment, seek guidance from the legal department. Facilitation payments are illegal under numerous international anti-corruption laws and prohibited under Avaya policy.

Policy

Anti-Bribery/Anti-Corruption Policy



Gifts and Entertainment

Our Policy

As a general rule you can accept a meal, gift or entertainment from non-government customers, suppliers or business partners if it is unsolicited, inexpensive and not given to influence business decisions.

Similarly, employees may provide reasonable meals, gifts or entertainment to non-government customers, suppliers or business partners provided that it is related to proper business purposes and not offered to influence a business decision, is permitted under applicable laws and Avaya’s Travel and Entertainment policy.

Gifts are often exchanged as a part of business relationships. These consist of Avaya branded items or other non-lavish items consistent with local norms.

The table below provides guidance for necessary approvals for gifts and entertainment: (Convert USD to local currency).

Value (USD)	Required approval
Less than \$100 per year to or from a single source	Written approval from direct manager and in compliance with policy
More than \$100 per year to or from a single source	Written approval from direct manager and Chief Compliance Officer

Please note the following guidelines that apply to all gifts, entertainment or other advantages:

- Cash or cash equivalents are not acceptable forms of gifts in any circumstance.
- Gifts should not be lavish.
- Permissible gifts must be given with complete transparency and accurately reflected in Avaya’s books and records through appropriate receipts and documentation.
- Gifts, meals and entertainment for officials and employees of governments (including government owned entities), in every country around the world, are highly regulated and often prohibited.
- All travel for customers, partners, press or suppliers must be reviewed in advance by the compliance team (**compliance@avaya.com**).

Showing Accountability

Do not provide or accept gifts, entertainment or other favors of the type or amount that go beyond common courtesies consistent with ethical and accepted business practices.

Do not use third parties such as partners, suppliers or family members to provide gifts, entertainment or favors.

Gift Receiving

- You can accept a gift, meal, entertainment or other favor from non-government customers, partners or suppliers, provided it is unsolicited, reasonable and not given to influence your judgment. In other circumstances, you should decline and explain Avaya's policy.
- Before accepting a gift, an invitation for a meal or entertainment or other favors that seem lavish or excessive consult your supervisor or email the compliance team at compliance@avaya.com.

Gift Giving

Employees may provide reasonable gifts, entertainment, meals or favors to non-governmental customers, partners, or suppliers provided that:

- You are not asked to provide it.
- It is not being offered to influence the recipient's business decision.
- It is permitted under applicable laws, regulations, rules, and consistent with ethical and accepted business practices.
- It is consistent with Avaya's policy.

Recognition Gifts

Supervisors and employees must consult Human Resources before presenting any gift or other form of recognition to Avaya employees to ensure compliance with Avaya's recognition policy.

Knowledge Tip

Consult with your supervisor and the compliance team regarding the following areas of concern:

- Ski trips
- Regattas
- Tickets to prime sporting events such as Super Bowl, World Cup, World Series
- Trips to resorts
- Gifts for you and your family

Trustworthy

Q: What is the difference between a gift and business entertainment?

A: Business entertainment can entail dinners, sporting events, trade shows or other customer events at which representatives of both parties are generally in attendance and business is typically discussed. A gift is something given or received, such as tickets for an event at which representatives of the organization extending the gift are not in attendance.

Q: A customer asks me to obtain four tickets to a large sporting event and hints that this will close the sale more quickly. Can I buy the tickets?

A: This potential scenario raises a number of concerns. First, a gift cannot be solicited. Second, four tickets to an event is considered lavish. Third, the facts do not suggest that a business conversation or product demonstration would be taking place.

Q: A supplier invites me to a sporting event that it is hosting with other customers, offering an opportunity to meet its leadership and discuss business relationships. Can I go to the game?

A: You need to obtain approvals based on the above approval matrix in writing prior to attending.

Policy

[Gifts and Entertainment policy](#)

[Travel and Expense policy](#)

Working with the Government

Our Policy

Activities that might be appropriate when working with private sector customers may be improper or even illegal when dealing with government customers.

Those who work with government customers, be they local, state, federal or state-owned/controlled, in any country, or who otherwise interact with government employees, are expected to follow all procurement, hospitality and entertainment, anti-bribery, anti-corruption and other applicable laws and requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in severe penalties, including potential civil and criminal fines, imprisonment and Avaya's debarment from doing business with the government.

Showing Accountability

Except in very limited circumstances and as otherwise permitted by law or regulation, you are prohibited from providing or paying any gratuity or anything of value, including meals, refreshments, entertainment, travel and lodging expenses, directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of a government employee or representative. For more specific guidance, consult Avaya's Policy for Working with the U.S. Government or a member of the **Legal Team** for specific guidance when dealing with any government.

Policies

[Global Trade Compliance policy](#)

[Anti-Bribery/Anti-Corruption policy](#)

[Policy for working with the U.S. Government](#)





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Corporate Philanthropy
Schedule of Authorization (SOA)

Charitable Contributions and Political Involvement

Our Policy

Charitable Contributions

Avaya believes in giving back to those communities where we live and work. We support charitable organizations around the world and recognize that giving back comes in many forms, including volunteer time, product donations and financial support.

When we offer donations and charitable contributions, we have no expectation of receiving specific benefits or financial returns in exchange for this support. We contribute only to reputable, not-for-profit organizations and ensure our contributions are made in a transparent manner.

All charitable contributions made on behalf of Avaya are made in accordance with Avaya’s Charitable Giving Policy and Avaya’s Schedule of Authorizations (SOA) for Non-Monetary Transactions, Sponsorships and Charitable Donations.

Political Involvement

Avaya does not permit employees to use their Avaya position or Avaya assets to influence the personal decisions of others to contribute to or otherwise support political parties or candidates. Any involvement in political activities is personal and voluntary and should be done on your own time and with your own resources.

Showing Accountability

- Review the Charitable Giving Policy, charitable giving approval process and SOA.
- Ensure that the charitable organization for which you are seeking support:
 - Is reputable
 - Is not-for-profit
 - Is not controlled by government officials
 - Is nonpartisan and adheres to fundamental human rights principles
 - Does not have any policies, practices, activities or values that discriminate against any person, population group, characteristic, lifestyle, affiliations or organization with regard to categories protected by Avaya policy and/or global and local law including, but not limited to age, race, religion, gender, gender identity, gender expression, disability or national origin.
- Disclose relationships with any organization for which you are seeking support.
- Ensure that donations are not being made in exchange for business.
- Understand the restrictions on political involvement reach out to Avaya Legal counsel with any questions regarding company policies and federal laws that govern political activity.



International Trade

Our Policy

Avaya complies with all applicable import and export controls and Avaya complies with all applicable import and export controls and economic sanctions laws that impose controls on the transfer of goods, technology, technical information, software and services.

Avaya also complies with all applicable customs laws, which apply in some form to virtually every import in each country (i.e., prohibitions, restrictions, duties, taxes or fees payable by the importer). All items imported by Avaya must be reported to all relevant customs agencies.

Avaya must comply with applicable anti-boycott laws and regulations. If you learn of a boycott request or if you are asked to participate in a boycott in any country, you should consult the legal team before taking any action.

Showing Accountability

- Familiarize yourself with Avaya’s Global Trade Compliance Policy and be aware of activities that raise issues under these laws.
- Follow all business procedures as it relates to export controls.
- Ensure that licenses, and proper authorizations are in place for the export of technology, software, products and services.
- Trade Compliance laws differ from country to country and are often complex. Seek guidance from the global trade team regarding restrictive trade procedures and boycotts to make sure you are operating in compliance.
- Ensure accurate export documentation of transactions to ensure compliance “know your customer, know your supplier” rules.

Policies

Global Trade Compliance policy

Review the [Global Trade Support](#) website as needed or Contact the Global Trade staff at globaltrade@avaya.com



Environment, Health, Safety & Wellness

Avaya is committed to creating and sustaining a culture that optimizes workplace health, safety and wellness and minimizes our environmental impact. Everyone associated with Avaya is responsible for following the direction of Avaya's EHS and security staff, and for bringing situations that threaten health, safety, security or the environment to their attention immediately.

The health and safety of our workforce is a top priority and through our programs and practices, we seek to maintain a culture in which employees and contractors keep each other safe on the job. In accordance with best practice, Avaya maintains an Environmental, Health, and Safety Management System (EHSMS). We periodically review our EHSMS to ensure it aligns with the scope of our activities, that we conform to our established EHSMS programs and procedures and that we are effectively managing our EHS risks. Consistent with the scope of our activities, the EHSMS includes worldwide standards for job hazard analysis, ergonomics, hazard communication, contractor safety, ladder safety, motor vehicle safety and work-related injury, illness and incident tracking and reporting.

Employees receive general EHS awareness training, and Avaya communicates workplace health and safety and wellness information regularly through internal channels.

Avaya prohibits employees from working under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Working under the influence of these substances can impair judgement and create a safety hazard. Medication prescribed to you by a doctor can also affect your ability to do your job safely. Check with your doctor about any impact your prescription might have on your ability to perform your job and communicate any concerns or questions about Avaya's Global Reasonable Accommodation/Work Adjustment Process to your supervisor, HR or eocontact@avaya.com.

Showing Accountability

Employees are responsible for their safety, the safety of those around them and for following safe work practices. Employees are expected to:

- Complete EHS training courses as required.
- Review local Emergency Preparedness Plans, follow response procedures, and participate in emergency evacuation drills.
- Report unsafe conditions to EHS and the location-specific Facilities Team.

These might include:

- Electrical hazards
 - Basic clutter
 - Blocked access to fire safety equipment
 - Slip, trip and fall hazards
 - Unsafe driving
 - Unsafe practices at customer sites
- Report work-related injuries, illnesses and incidents

Policies

Environment, Health & Safety Policy

Reporting

Click here to report work-related injuries, illnesses or incidents.

Click here to report motor vehicle accidents (including for owned, leased, rented or personal vehicles), including insurance notification requirements.



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R&D Environmental Policy

Environmental, Health and Safety Policy

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Our Policy

Avaya is committed to conducting our business in an environmentally responsible manner, doing our part to help save and preserve the Earth's finite resources.

Avaya's ISO 14001 certified Design for Environment (DfE) system drives compliance with legal and other requirements and opportunities to reduce the environmental impact of our solutions and services. We express our commitment to responsible product design in our R&D Environmental Policy.

We are committed to doing our part to combat climate change and pledge to take active steps to reduce our carbon footprint. We set ambitious carbon emission reduction targets and report our progress annually to CDP.

We undertake initiatives to reduce our energy consumption, water use and waste generation at our owned and leased locations.

Showing Accountability

Employees are responsible for supporting Avaya's environmental commitments by, among other things:

- Hosting virtual meetings and reducing the need for business travel.
- Conserving energy by using the "hibernate" feature on computers, and turning off lights, printers, microwaves, and other electrical appliances before leaving the office.
- Participating in company-sponsored recycling programs and by finding ways to eliminate waste and conserve resources.
- Properly disposing of waste and reusing or recycling as much as possible.
- Supporting our partners' and customers' carbon reduction strategies.

Reporting

To report environmental incidents, refer to **"Reporting a work Related Injury, Illness or Incident"**.

Anti-trust / Competition

Remember: We abide by the law and are committed to doing business fairly with our partners, suppliers and competitors.

Our Policy

We compete aggressively for business while maintaining high ethical standards. We comply with the Code, our Avaya policies and applicable law, regardless of how competitive the environment is.

We do not engage in anti-competitive practices such as price fixing, bid rigging or dividing of territories.

We do not obtain competitive information through improper means such as deception, the misuse of a business relationship or from non-public sources such as former colleagues that work at competitors.

Showing Accountability

- When you interact with customers, provide only truthful information about the quality, features and availability of our products and services, and don't make disparaging remarks about our competitors.
- Compete vigorously but deal fairly with our customers, business partners, suppliers and competitors.
- Do not talk about our business strategies and plans with competitors and vice versa.
- Never enter into any agreement or understanding, whether formal or informal, with a competitor, customer or supplier to:
 - Raise, set or hold or otherwise fix prices on our products
 - Divide territories, markets or customers
 - Prevent another company from entering the market
 - Refuse to deal with a customer or supplier
 - Interfere with the competitive bidding process
 - Agree to discounts inconsistent with established policies
 - Discuss customer relations with competitors

- Avoid contact with competitors that could create the appearance of impropriety, such as when attending trade shows or industry events.
- Obtain and share information ethically.
- Seek competitive information from public sources.
- Be fair, factual and complete in our advertising, sales and promotional materials.

It is acceptable to maintain relationships with employees that work at competitors but important that these relationships are not used to obtain proprietary information.

Trustworthy

Q: A colleague who formerly worked at a competitor offers to provide the price lists from the competitor that were taken just before the colleague resigned. What do you do?

A: You cannot use this information and you should contact the compliance team (compliance@avaya.com).

Q: You are at a trade show and a competitor approaches you about dividing up territories and contract bids, so you can both more easily hit your quota. How do you respond?

A: You need to immediately end the conversation and contact the compliance team (compliance@avaya.com). This person has engaged in anti-competitive behavior that can result in steep fines.

Policies

[Antitrust/Competition Compliance Policy](#)

[Competitive Information and Comparative claims](#)

Financial Reporting

Our Policy

Integrity in our recordkeeping inspires trust by our customers, partners, suppliers, colleagues, investors and other stakeholders.

We prepare timely, accurate and complete financial information for use in reports to management, investors, regulators and other stakeholders.

Showing Accountability

Each of us has an obligation to follow all internal controls in recording and maintaining our company books and records.

- Maintain effective processes and internal controls that fairly reflect transactions or events in a timely manner, as well as prevent or detect inappropriate transactions.
- Follow the appropriate Schedules of Authorization and obtain all necessary approvals for business transactions and expenses.
- Be honest, accurate and complete when preparing any business documents.
- Never sign or enter into side agreements.
- Never engage in inappropriate transactions that misrepresent the reporting of other parties, such as customers or suppliers.
- Never engage in tax evasion or facilitate anyone else in engaging in tax evasion.
- Take the time to review and verify that documents you approve are factual and accurate.
- Know your customers and partners and understand their use of our products and data to prevent illegal activity. Watch for and report signs of potential fraud, bribery, tax evasion or money laundering activity.
- Observe both the form and spirit of technical accounting and ethical standards.
- Seek the advice of your controllership team if you become aware of a questionable transaction.
- If you identify transactions that are questionable immediately notify your manager, controller or the compliance team (compliance@avaya.com).
- Accurately, complete quarterly representation letters or other required representations when needed.
- Take the time to review and verify that documents you approve are factual and accurate.



Trustworthy

Q: At the end of the quarter your supervisor mentions that he asked a business partner to place an order early to meet his target and verbally committed to take the product back if the deal did not materialize with the end customer. How should you respond to this?

A: You should contact the compliance team (compliance@avaya.com) and report the deviation in your quarterly representation letter.

Policies

[Accounting Policies](#)

[Schedule of Authorizations](#)



Insider Trading

Our Policy

As you conduct business on behalf of Avaya, you may come across material, non-public information about Avaya or about third parties (such as customers, partners, suppliers or strategic partners) maintained by Avaya.

Non-public information is considered material if a reasonable investor would likely consider it in their decision to buy or sell a security.

Material, non-public information is considered insider information and transacting in securities based on such information is illegal. It is also illegal to provide insider information to others, such as friends, family or colleagues, so they can use it to make trading decisions. If you have questions about insider trading, please contact the compliance team. (compliance@avaya.com)

Showing Accountability

Do not trade securities while in possession of material, non-public information about any company you interact with, including but not limited to Avaya, its customers, partners, suppliers, or other strategic partnerships.

Comply with any applicable trading blackout periods.

Comply with Avaya's Insider Trading Policy.

If you are not sure the information you have is considered insider information or if a blackout period is applicable to you, contact the [Legal team](#)

Trustworthy

Q: You have become aware of a material business transaction involving Avaya and another company. Can you trade in stock of either company or pass this information along to friends, so they can trade the company's stock or Avaya's stock?

A: No, you are prohibited from trading in securities of Avaya or another company while in the possession of insider information about Avaya or such other company. You cannot pass insider information along to friends, which is called "tipping" and is also illegal.

Policy

[Insider Trading Policy](#)

Conflicts of Interest

Remember: Make decisions in the best interest of Avaya.
Avoid conflicts of interest or even the appearance of a conflict.

Our Policy

Avoid situations in which your personal interests might conflict, or appear to conflict, with the interests of Avaya.

Conflicts of interest may arise when your financial or other outside interests produce conflicting loyalties, interfere with your job performance, or are potentially averse to the interests of Avaya.

Showing Accountability

You should avoid even the appearance of a potential conflict of interest.

Prior to hiring, promoting or directly supervising a family member, close friend or someone with whom you are in a relationship, you must obtain the approval of your manager, HR and Legal.

Potential conflicts can easily be avoided or addressed if they are promptly disclosed and managed accordingly. Employees are encouraged to use the Conflicts of Interest questionnaire for the compliance team to review the potential conflict.

Situations where conflicts may arise:

- Outside activities: Work that interferes with your work at Avaya
- Financial Interest of third parties we do business with
- Hiring / doing business with family members
- Personal relationships
- Business opportunities



Trustworthy

Q: A product manager would like to make an investment that would make him a controlling stockholder in a competitor of Avaya. Is this a conflict of interest?

A: Yes, the proposed investment would make him the owner of a business that competes with Avaya.

Q: Your spouse has accepted a position at a business partner that Avaya does business with. Do you need to report this?

A: Yes, most conflicts of interest can be eliminated by disclosing them and making sure steps are taken to prevent your interests from conflicting with Avaya's.

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Conflicts of Interest Policy

Conflicts of Interest questionnaire

Diversity

Our Policy

Avaya is an equal opportunity employer and promotes the richness of cultures, perspectives, experiences and skills to work as one global community. We drive and maintain a clear Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) strategy that is focused on to building a workplace of the future that resembles the society in which we do business. Diversity and the equal opportunity it facilitates are fundamental to our Cultural Principles and promotes a place where individuality is celebrated, creating a culture of engagement, innovation, and inclusivity. It also makes Avaya more competitive in the marketplace.

Showing Accountability

- Support Avaya's equal opportunity policies.
- Speak up if you suspect discrimination or harassment using one of the reporting options in this Code.
- Never make offensive or sexual advances, comments, jokes, gestures or references at work or in any work-related communication.
- Consult with the legal team or the compliance team if you encounter a conflict between this policy and local laws, customs or practices.
- If you are a supervisor, team leader or in a position of authority, discuss this material with your employees.
- Encourage a work environment free from harassment, bullying, discrimination and abusive behavior.



Trustworthy

Q: A team member was overheard telling a racial joke about their own family. It was offensive. What should you do?

A: Inappropriate comments, even when someone makes them about themselves, are inconsistent with Avaya's Cultural Principles and are not acceptable. You are encouraged to bring this to the attention of Human Resources, management or make a report to Avaya's confidential helpline.

Q: You were uncomfortable with a comment made at your last staff meeting, but you didn't want to talk to anyone and get labelled as a trouble maker. What should you do?

A: You can contact Avaya's anonymous confidential helpline. All reports made in good faith are investigated.

Policy

[HR Policy Guide](#)

External Communications and Social Media

Our Policy

Avaya believes in fostering a thriving online community. We support open dialogue and the free exchange of ideas.

Avaya employees must use their best judgment and act responsibly when generating content for social media.

New technologies and vast social media tools available have given us many new communications options. In light of the fact that these are public forums, extra care must be taken when using social media platforms for company business.

Showing Accountability

- Use social media responsibly. Never misrepresent yourself or use social media for deceptive practices.
- Never speak on behalf of Avaya unless authorized to do so. Play it safe. Only retweet and share official company statements or content pre-approved and available within our #AvayaNation platform. Make it clear that the views you express are solely your own.
- Refer all public inquiries to an Avaya Media Relations representative.
- Never intimidate, harass or discriminate against fellow employees in an online setting.
- Never disclose or discuss Avaya's confidential, proprietary or material, non-public information in a public setting (i.e., in conversations in public places, social media settings, group or insecure emails, or otherwise).
- Only send, store or receive Avaya confidential, proprietary or material, nonpublic information using corporate approved systems such as email, instant messages, and file sharing.



Trustworthy

Q: You've been working on Avaya's latest product and want to let your industry colleagues know of a major milestone that was just completed. Can you post something on an online industry chat room?

A: No. You cannot post non-public information to a public or semi-public forum.

Q: You're involved in a time-sensitive project that requires a significant amount of travel. You take a lot of calls on your mobile phone while in airports and public areas such as hotel lobbies, trade show floors, etc. Does this pose a risk to the company?

A: Yes. What you say in public, once heard, is no longer protected. You need to be mindful of your surroundings when participating in sensitive conversations in public spaces.

Q: You're leaving the office one evening and are approached by the press regarding a story on one of Avaya's executives. You've known this executive for years; can you speak to the reporter?

A: No. Any communications with the press must be reviewed and authorized by Avaya Public Relations.

Policies

Social Media Policy

Competitive Information and Comparative claims

Intellectual Property

Remember: We aggressively defend and protect our intellectual property and respect the intellectual property of others.

Our Policy

Intellectual property includes but is not limited to:

- Patents
- Trade Secrets
- Trademarks
- Service Marks
- Copyrights
- Graphics, Logos, and Slogans
- Trade Names
- Domain Names
- Know-how, Source Code and Developed Technology

Proprietary information includes but is not limited to:

- Business Plans
- Customer Lists
- Internal documents
- Organization Charts

When you help protect these assets, you help protect our competitive advantage.

Use Avaya's trademarks and service marks only in accordance with Avaya Standards and Guidelines which are available to employees and partners on the Sales and Partner Portal.

If suppliers want to use Avaya's name or other intellectual property certain restrictions will apply, and certain documents need to be executed by Avaya's Global Sourcing Organization.

If a partner wants to use Avaya's name or other intellectual property similar restrictions apply and are available on the Sales and Partner Portal and reflected in the reseller agreement.

Showing Accountability

All Avaya employees, contractors and agents have a responsibility to:

- Identify, protect, and defend Avaya's intellectual property.
- Promptly identify and report unauthorized disclosure or violations of infringements by any third party.
- Respect the intellectual property of others.
- Abide by terms of use and End User Licensing Agreements when using third party software or materials.
- Classify, label, store and limit access to proprietary information in accordance with Avaya Security policies.
- Know that anything you create within the scope of your employment with Avaya may be considered Avaya intellectual property.
- Ideas for patents should be submitted on the Avaya Invention Disclosure Form.
- Questions regarding Avaya's intellectual property can be directed to the compliance team (compliance@avaya.com).

Policies and Resources

[Intellectual property Law & Management](#)

[Avaya's Third-Party Software Policy](#)

[Avaya Brand Guidelines](#)

[Global Sourcing Organization](#)

[Avaya Security Policies](#)

[Avaya Invention Disclosure Form](#)



Confidential and Proprietary Information

Our Policy

- We do not use or disclose material, non-public information about Avaya or any other company without establishing a valid need to know AND ensuring the proper non-disclosure is in place.
- We safeguard the confidentiality of confidential or proprietary information in our possession, whether it relates to Avaya or another party.
- We respect other parties' rights to proprietary information, including intellectual property, personally identifiable information, and personal health information.

Showing Accountability

- When necessary, ensure that a non-disclosure agreement is in place and do not disclose Avaya's confidential or proprietary information even after your employment with Avaya ceases.
- Understand and comply with the terms of any non-disclosure agreements.
- Consult Avaya Security policies to understand how to properly mark and handle proprietary information.
- Handle customer information in accordance with Avaya Security policies and customer agreements.
- Handle personal health information in accordance with Avaya policy.

Policies

Avaya's NDA Process

Avaya's Security Policy

- Data classification guidelines
- Protection of Information Assets

HIPAA policies

Cybersecurity

Our Policy

We each play a role in securing Avaya's proprietary information as well as confidential information entrusted to us by our customers.

Avaya maintains security systems and processes to protect confidential data. Cyber threats constantly evolve to avoid detection by these systems. Attackers seek to lure unsuspecting individuals with authorized access into providing the information they seek or gain unauthorized access to Avaya's network and systems.

In the event of a breach, we will be held accountable for compliance with our security practices and our response.

Showing Accountability

Attacks come in many different forms. Always keep your guard up in the following situations:

- When asked for your user name or password by anyone other than Avaya IT.
- If you receive an email or text message from a leader you normally don't interact with, asking you to do something outside of process.
- Do not click on links in an email from an unknown sender.
- Requests to change banking information in Avaya's systems or process invoices outside of process.
- Requests for information on projects you are working, organization charts, or other sensitive data.

Promptly report breaches or suspected breaches. Responding quickly and appropriately protects Avaya and our customers.

Policies

[Data Breach Response](#)

[IT Security Standards](#)





Privacy

Our Policy

How we handle the personal data entrusted to us by our customers, partners, suppliers and colleagues is critical to our success. It is our policy to only gather information we need and to be transparent regarding the reasons for gathering such information and our intended uses.

We only keep personal data if legally required and we respect the right of the individual to know what information we have, what we do with it, and when legally allowed, we will honor their right to be forgotten.

Showing Accountability

- Familiarize yourself with our privacy policies.
- Be aware of the proper methods for handling and securing personal information.
- Seek guidance from the Data Privacy Team if you are unsure by emailing dataprivacy@avaya.com.

Policy

[Global Data Privacy Policy](#)

Acceptable Use Policy

Our Policy

- Unless otherwise prohibited by law, Avaya may monitor an individual's use of network services (e.g., internet and email access) to ensure the security and availability of Avaya's network.
- Avaya's assets must only be used for company business.
- Sexually explicit content and content inconsistent with Avaya's Cultural Principles are prohibited.
- Do not circumvent Avaya's security controls that are intended to protect employees and the company.
- Refer to Avaya's Security Policies for additional information.

Policy

[Avaya Security Policy](#)

Records Management

Our Policy

Ensure business records are retained for the period set in the Records Retention schedule.

Ensure secure disposal of records that are no longer needed as per the records retention schedule.

Ensure secure disposal of Personal Data as per the Personal Data Retention schedule.

Showing Accountability

When working with company records, remember:

- Familiarize yourself and comply with the records retention policy.
- Don't destroy anything that should be retained.
- Prepare them accurately, in a timely manner, and in reasonable detail.
- Where applicable, to sign them only if they are accurate and complete.
- Retain records, whether hard copy or electronic, in accordance with Avaya's Records Retention Schedule or applicable law.
- Retain records that are subject to a legal hold.
- Dispose of records containing personal data as per the Personal Data Retention schedule.



Trustworthy

Q: You no longer have many hard copy records as you keep everything in electronic format. Do you need to keep the electronic copies for the same time as if they were hard copies?

A: Yes, electronically stored information is subject to the same requirements as hard copies

Q: Is email subject to the same retention schedule as other documents?

A: No, email is not considered a record, it is a method of communication. Any information contained in email that is a record – attachments or approvals, etc., must be removed from the email system and preserved in a manner that meets the retention guidelines.

Policy

Records Management

Records Retention Schedule



Third Parties & Business Partners

Remember: We choose suppliers based on merit and business partners based on their ability to ethically grow our business.

Our Policy

At Avaya, we do business with organizations that meet or exceed our ethical standards. We select the third parties with whom we transact business carefully and ensure they meet our requirements, abide by applicable law, follow the principles of the Code and Avaya policies. A third party's conduct and reputation for service and integrity should reflect positively on our company. We select suppliers objectively based on merit, not on reciprocity or quid pro quo arrangements.

We perform due diligence on third parties with whom we seek to transact to ensure they act ethically and handle information in a manner that would be acceptable under Avaya policies. Suppliers and business partners must abide by the guidelines within the Code, terms of their agreements, and each of Avaya's Business Partner Code of Conduct and Supplier Code of Conduct, as applicable.

Our proprietary information is a competitive advantage and must be properly protected to maintain our position in the market and trust of our customers and partners. Data breaches and data loss can cost the company financial loss as well as reputational damage.

Showing Accountability

Avaya employees working with third parties such as suppliers, consultants, agents, sales representatives, business partners, distributors and independent contractors must:

- Follow all on-boarding procedures for suppliers and business partners.
- Monitor your suppliers and partners to ensure they are meeting their commitments and acting ethically.
- Engage the appropriate resources if you identify performance issues with your partner or supplier.

Policies

[Supplier Code of Conduct](#)

[Avaya Channel Partner Code of Conduct](#)

[Avaya Vendors Security Review](#)

Closing Thoughts

Any failure to read, understand or acknowledge the Code does not exempt you from your responsibility to comply with its provisions, applicable Avaya policies and applicable laws and regulations.

Waivers

Any waivers of any provisions of the Code with respect to any director or executive officer requires the approval of by Avaya’s Board of Directors or by a committee thereof. Any such waivers will only be made in limited circumstances and in conjunction with any appropriate ongoing monitoring and will be disclosed as required under applicable law and regulations.

Employment

Unless otherwise provided by local law or a collective bargaining or other labor agreement, the Code is not a contract of employment and does not create any contractual rights of any kind between Avaya and its directors, officers or employees. Moreover, unless prohibited by applicable law or unless an Avaya employee’s terms and conditions of employment are governed by a collective bargaining or other labor agreement or there exist other applicable law or public policy exceptions, employment at Avaya is on an “at will” basis in the United States and elsewhere, where applicable. Please note employment in certain other countries may not be "at will". “At will” means that an employee may terminate his or her employment at any time and for any reason, and, similarly, Avaya may generally terminate an employee’s employment at any time and for any reason, or for no reason at all.

