

Recognise a potential issue

Ask yourself:

- do I have a gut feeling that something is not right?
- do I feel this is a risky situation?
- Recognise the situation as one that may involve tensions:
- between two or more of the Values
- · between the Values/Code and personal values.

Find relevant information

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- what was the trigger and what are the circumstances?
- identify the relevant legislation, policies and guidance (APS-wide and agency specific)
- · identify the rights and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders
- · identify any precedent decisions.

Linger at the crossroads

Linger at the 'Fork in the Road', pause to consult:

- supervisors and managers
- respected colleagues, peers, or support services remember privacy
- Talk it through, use intuition and analysis, listen and reflect.

Evaluate the options

Evaluate options, identify consequences, look at the processes:

- · identify the risks
- discard unrealistic options
- apply the accountability test would the decision stand up to public scrutiny/independent review?
- be prepared to explain the reasons for your decision.

Come to a decision

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 $\cdot \,$ act on it and make a record if necessary.

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