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# **INTRODUCTION**

At the L'OCCITANE Group, our Shared Values and <u>Code of Business Conduct</u> guide our everyday conduct in the way we do business. They promote a culture of transparency, accountability and integrity.

Speaking up essentially means raising your concern so that it can be addressed. If you hear or see behaviour that possibly violates our Code of Business Conduct and/or a law/regulation, you are encouraged to speak up. The Group **entrepreneurial** spirit fosters direct communication, and **feedback** should remain the natural way to speak up. We also know this is not always possible or realistic, so we offer various other ways to speak up.

Speaking up is essential to protecting people and nature. It is also key to sustaining our reputation, success and ability to operate – both now and in the future. By speaking up, you give the Group and its value chain the opportunity to deal with the situation proactively.

# WHY HAVE A SPEAK UP POLICY?

The purpose of this Speak Up Policy is to explain when, where and how you can raise a concern about suspected misconduct without fear of retaliation. It also describes what you may expect from the Group when you do speak up and what possible steps will be taken after you raise a concern.

This policy is aimed at providing a global framework within the L'OCCITANE Group and its brands. We are a multinational, multi-brand and multicultural company that observes all laws in the countries in which it operates. If there are any discrepancies or different standards of protection between the applicable laws and the requirements set out in this policy, the principles that provide the highest protection to individuals prevail.

#### WHO CAN SPEAK UP?

As everyone has responsibility for ethics, this policy applies to all our employees and external stakeholders worldwide, including:

- employees, interns and contractors;
- suppliers in the value chain and their employees;
- customers and prospects;
- community members.

Users of the Speak Up channel must act in good faith and not make deliberately false allegations. That means that the intention behind the report must be to bring a potential issue to light, not to be malicious or hurtful.



### WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES?

As trust is a prerequisite for effectiveness and adoption by users, the Speak Up channel relies on four pillars:

- Protecting the person who raised the alert
- Considering the good faith of the alert and presumption of innocence of anyone targeted by an alert
- Good conduct of the parties involved in the reception and processing of the alert
- Ensuring confidentiality of facts and people's identities

L'OCCITANE Group will not tolerate any form of retaliation against the reporter or any employee who has assisted in the investigation or remediation of a Speak Up report. Retaliation is any action that causes financial, professional or emotional harm to a reporting party as punishment for submitting a report.

# WHAT SHOULD BE REPORTED?

You do not need to be certain a violation of policy or breach of legislation has occurred before making a report, and you should not try to gather evidence yourself before making a disclosure.

However, you should make sure that your concern is covered by the Group Speak Up Policy and must act in good faith. Overall, it should be used to raise concerns about a suspected violation of a law, regulation and/or our Code of Business Conduct.

Examples of concerns that can be raised using Speak When Speak Up channels should <u>NOT</u> be used: Up channels:

- Human rights violations
- Moral or physical harassment
- Discrimination
- Environmental, health and safety issues
- Bribery and corruption
- Fraud and theft
- Conflicts of interest
- Retaliation against anyone for speaking up in good faith

- Grievances you may have in relation to your terms of employment or HR matters
- Personal or legal disputes
- Events presenting an immediate threat to life or property (emergency services must be contacted in such situations)
- Complaint about your orders or experience with the L'OCCITANE Group brands (for such cases, please contact the Customer Care of your country)
- Accusations which you know to be false

# **HOW TO SPEAK UP?**

There are multiple ways and channels to speak up. It does not matter which one you choose, so you can speak up in whichever way you feel most comfortable.

It also depends on several factors, including the context of the situation, the nature of the issue, the potential impact and the relationships between the parties. As part of our feedback culture, the L'OCCITANE Group strongly encourages you to raise concerns through one of the direct channels:



Directly to the person(s) involved

Leading by example is indeed one of our core values, and feedback is at the heart of how we work. If the issue is straightforward and can be resolved quickly through direct communication, it is often best to address it immediately. If that is not possible or you do not feel comfortable doing so, please raise questions and concerns through one of the other channels.

A trusted colleague (your Manager, HR or Internal Audit team)

A natural person for employees to approach when raising a concern is their direct Manager. Alternatively, there are multiple people outside your department who you can speak to, such as your local HR team or the Group Internal Audit team. You can seek advice from them informally about what to do, but they can also support you in filing a Speak Up report.

If you do not feel comfortable discussing this with someone directly, you may report it confidentially through the following channels:

Your local Speak Up channel (Exclusively for L'OCCITANE Group employees and subject to local availability)

Affiliates may establish a channel at the local level. Employees refer to their local HR or legal department, which operates under the oversight of the respective affiliate.

■ The Group Speak Up channel

You can use the <u>L'OCCITANE Group Speak Up channel</u> that enables any person to report possible violations. It is provided by an independent third party who guarantees anonymous reporting and can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is available in more than 70 global languages. It can be accessed via the Group's corporate website, by phone or through a mobile app.

# **HOW TO USE THE GROUP SPEAK UP CHANNEL?**

- By using the <u>online platform</u>: You will need to create a password and will receive a case number which enables you to follow up on your alert and communicate (even if you choose to remain anonymous) with the investigation team. To follow the updates on your report, you can either leave your email (kept confidential by the solution provider and not disclosed to L'OCCITANE Group) and receive notifications or reconnect to the platform by entering your password and case number.
- By using the mobile app version of the solution provider (<u>Android</u> or <u>iPhone</u>): You can access the Group Speak Up channel with the code I I 6979 or with a QR code. You will create a password and be provided with a case number to access your report account. Via this account, you will get notifications on your phone, updates on the case and be able to communicate with the investigation team (even if you choose to remain anonymous).
- By leaving a phone message (numbers available in the annex): You can access the Group Speak Up channel with the code I 16979, create a PIN password and leave an audio message detailing your concern in your local language. At the start of the call, you will be provided with a case number to check report progress by calling the number again.



### What kind of information do you need to provide?

When you communicate an alert, please provide as much detailed information as you can to enable the Group to assess and investigate your concern. Such details may include:

- the background, history and reason for the concern;
- the identity and positions of the people involved, dates, places and other relevant information;
- all documents that may substantiate your report.

Keep in mind that the information provided must be factual and directly related to the subject of the alert.

### Is the reporting process done anonymously?

Reports are made anonymously through the Group Speak Up channel via an external solution hosted outside the Group. This allows completely anonymous interactions with the team receiving and reviewing the report. If you wish to identify yourself, the Group will take all appropriate steps to keep your identity a secret. Such information will only be disclosed on a need-to-know basis when it is necessary for an investigation or as required by the applicable law.

### Who deals with the alerts?

All alerts received by the L'OCCITANE Group Speak Up channel are logged in our provider's case management system, which is accessible only by the Group Internal Audit team.

If needed for the investigations, other internal and/or external stakeholders may be involved (e.g. HR, Legal or Responsible procurement), depending on their nature and the expertise required. Information is shared with them on a need-to-know basis. They will be bound by a specific non-disclosure agreement and work under strict confidentiality. Anyone involved in such investigations must be free from actual or perceived bias and conflicts of interest.

# How are investigations managed?

After submitting a report, you will receive a confirmation of receipt within seven working days. Upon receiving the alert, the Group Internal Audit team will:

- assess the concern to make sure that it falls within the scope of this policy;
- identify whether the report includes minimum actionable information and evidence for investigations;
- proceed to a triage process depending on the nature of the case and the expertise required.

Each report will be investigated with the appropriate level of time, attention and resources required for the responsible handling of the matter. Reviews and investigations are conducted in an independent, fair and unbiased manner with respect to all the parties involved and in accordance with relevant laws, policies and principles.

# What will be the outcome?

The L'OCCITANE Group aims to conclude investigations within a reasonable period, but some cases may require an extended timeline. If your concern is well-founded, appropriate steps will be taken, when necessary, in accordance with the law and our policies.

All investigation reports and accompanying evidence are stored securely within the Group Speak Up platform. Investigation reports are confidential. The reporter will be informed of the investigation proceedings and the overall findings when it is appropriate and possible.



# **HOW PERSONAL DATA IS MANAGED?**

The Group will collect and process your personal data as part of the Speak Up channel to process the report you make. More details about the processing of your personal data, your rights and how to contact us are available in our <u>Speak Up Privacy Policy</u>.

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# **REVISION HISTORY**

| Date          | Release | Author                             | Tracking notes                                                     |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 2021 | 1.0     | Group Internal Audit<br>department | Initial release (only internal)                                    |
| October 2024  | 2.0     | Group Internal Audit<br>department | Update with new solution provider (for both internal and external) |



### **ANNEX**



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