

# ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY



**Established in 1897, we are the UK's leading family-owned development, building and property maintenance company. We employ over 4,000 people and work with a wide range of public and private sector customers and partners. Now in our fourth generation of family ownership, we're committed to the long-term sustainability of the built environment and to making our industry more inclusive and representative of the communities we work in. We are driven by our shared purpose of reimagining places for people to thrive.**

Bribery is a serious crime which damages economic and social development and undermines fair and free competition. We do not tolerate bribery in our own business or in those we do business with.

We implement and enforce effective systems and controls to support our zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption, and this also enables us to:

- Achieve our stated targets and goals
- Ensure we remain the service provider of choice

At Wates, we have set goals and behaviours to help prevent bribery and corruption taking place.

In adhering to this policy, we will:

- Understand where we are at risk of bribery and corruption in our business and our supply chains
- Assess and evaluate how to mitigate those risks
- Implement, maintain and continually improve our policies, procedures, rules and guidance to support bribery prevention
- Include obligations relating to the preventing of bribery and corruption in our supply chain contracts
- Encourage openness and provide support to anyone who raises concerns in good faith, even if these concerns turn out to be mistaken
- Adopt a zero-tolerance approach to retaliation against anyone raising a concern in good faith

- Communicate and reinforce our zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption with our employees, supply chain and business partners throughout our relationship with them
- Have adequate procedures to prevent bribery under the Bribery Act 2011
- Maintain procedures relating to gifts and hospitality, charitable donations, political donations and third party expenses
- Provide sufficient training on bribery and corruption for our employees

Our employees have a personal responsibility to report any actual or suspected instances of bribery or corruption throughout the business or supply chain to Wates Ethics by email ([SpeakUp@wates.co.uk](mailto:SpeakUp@wates.co.uk)), Safecall phoneline (0800 9151571) or web ([www.Safecall.co.uk/report](http://www.Safecall.co.uk/report)). Breaches of this policy will be dealt with under Wates Group's disciplinary procedures and could lead to dismissal in appropriate circumstances.

This policy applies to all our employees and those working with us or on our behalf. Successful implementation requires everyone to cooperate, commit and assist us to ensure that bribery and corruption issues and risks are given adequate consideration.

**The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for ensuring this policy is complied with. It will be reviewed at least once a year and at such other times as may be required, to ensure it remains relevant and appropriate to the aims and objectives of our business.**

**For and on behalf of the Executive Committee**

**EOGHAN O'LIONAIRD**  
Chief Executive, June 2024

