



Block, Inc. | Global Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

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At Block, your work empowers individuals to participate and thrive in the economy. This is exciting, inspiring work, and we expect that you approach it lawfully, honestly, ethically, and in the best interest of Block, Inc. This Global Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (“**Code**”) is your guide for such conduct, and the policies and procedures within show you how to uphold this Code in your day-to-day activities. For purposes of this Code, “we,” “our,” “Company,” and “Block” refer to Block, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

It is critical that all employees, officers, and directors of Block (all of whom we will refer to collectively as “you” or “employees” throughout this Code) read, understand, and abide by this Code – so please reference it frequently. If you have any questions or concerns, talk to your lead, your Human Resources Business Partner (“**HRBP**”) or the Legal Team (“**Legal**”) to ensure that you are following it with everything you do. You can find the name and contact information of their HRBP at [go/myhrbp](https://go.myhrbp) and reach Legal at legal@. These policies may not anticipate every situation, so it is important that you exercise good judgment in every decision you make and seek additional guidance when appropriate.

Individuals who violate this Code may be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with applicable local law, up to and including termination of employment. If there is any conflict between this Code and applicable local law, you should comply with the most restrictive requirement. Beyond being responsible for following this Code, we must also hold each other accountable and report any violations (find details on how below). As always, Retaliation for raising concerns in good faith is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Please note this Code sets forth a minimum standard; it does not reduce or limit the other legal and contractual obligations you may have to Block. This Code supplements and does not replace the Employee Handbook, Employee Work Rules, or other policies and procedures implemented in your locale.

This Code does not form part of any contract of employment or give rise to any contractual

rights. It constitutes a direction from Block with which you must comply.

The Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Audit and Risk Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, is ultimately responsible for administering this Code, and they have delegated day-to-day responsibility for administering and interpreting this Code to our General Counsel. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring compliance with this Code, including oversight over the establishment of procedures for the prompt internal reporting of violations of this Code. The Audit and Risk Committee will oversee the review of any complaints and submissions that have been brought to the Audit and Risk Committee by our General Counsel under this Code.

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OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Maintain Confidentiality

Protecting Block’s confidential information is a critical responsibility for all individuals who perform work for Block, and violations of these obligations can have a serious impact on our business. While we are proud of all of Block’s accomplishments, we need to protect Block’s confidential information and avoid communicating any material nonpublic information (“**MNPI**”) about Block to anyone outside of Block who is not bound by a confidentiality obligation to us (“**Third Parties**”). Find an overview of MNPI here. Even if you have access to confidential information, you should not access, use, or share confidential information (or your opinions about such information) with people outside Block or people inside of Block who do not have a business need to know this information, and only do so in compliance with our Data Policy. If you are uncertain about whether information is confidential, reach out to your lead and you can work together to ensure your actions comply with Block’s policies. For clarity, this policy does not restrict you from discussing your wages, hours, working conditions, or other terms and conditions of employment with other employees or Third Parties, including labor organizations.

Only our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Communications Leads (collectively, “**Spokespersons**”), and individuals explicitly authorized by a Spokesperson to speak on a particular topic or occasion (“**Delegates**”), as designated in Block’s External Communications Policy, may speak on behalf of Block with Third Parties.

Unless you are a Spokesperson or Delegate, you are not authorized to speak with Third Parties on behalf of Block, including the media, investors, or analysts, and should not give the impression that you are speaking on behalf of Block in any communication. This includes any public speaking event and posts to online forums such as social media sites, blogs, text or audio/visual chat rooms, podcasts and bulletin boards. This Code also applies to public comments about specific matters that relate to our businesses, as well as letters to the editor and endorsements of products or services. Please refer to our External Communications Policy for more information.

Create a Respectful Workplace

Block encourages a creative, culturally diverse, and supportive work environment. Employees are expected to create and promote a respectful workplace culture that is free of harassment, intimidation, unlawful bias, and discrimination. Block is an equal opportunity

employer and makes decisions based solely on individual merit and qualifications directly related to professional competence and objective business needs. Block strictly prohibits discrimination or harassment of any kind on the basis of race, color, religion, veteran status, national origin, ancestry, pregnancy status, sex, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, mental or physical disability, medical condition, sexual orientation or any other characteristics protected by law. If you have any concerns regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying, we strongly encourage you to report it as described in the Report Potential Violations section (described below). Managers should immediately report any such concerns to their HRBP or as provided for in the Reporting and Investigation policy, below. The Employee Relations team will promptly investigate any concerns and take appropriate action. Please review Block's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and Policy Prohibiting Harassment for further information.

Maintain a Safe Workplace

Block is committed to a safe and healthy work environment, free from violent, threatening, or intimidating behavior. Violent or threatening behavior of any kind is unacceptable at Block offices, at any Block-sponsored event, or during any time you are acting on behalf of Block. This policy includes conduct within internal channels like Slack as well (visit [go/slackguidelines](#) for more information). Block has also put in place health and safety rules addressing Block's response to COVID-19 or similar pandemics and your cooperation is needed to keep our workplace safe. If you have any concerns regarding safety in the workplace, you should immediately report it as described in the Report Potential Violations section (described below). You may also contact the Trust & Safety team at safety@. Please review the workplace safety policies applicable to your locale.

Report Potential Violations

Employees are responsible for fostering a safe, respectful, and productive environment. This means that you should report any concerns you have regarding a violation of Block's policies, including: (1) reporting suspected legal violations; (2) providing truthful information in connection with an inquiry or investigation by the Employee Relations team, the Informational Security team, the Incident Response team, an external investigator, a court, law enforcement, or any other governmental body; and (3) identifying potential violations of the Code or the Employee Handbook relevant to your locale. Please refer to the Reporting and Investigation section below for details, including who to contact to report your concerns.

The integrity of our business practices and financial information is paramount. Our financial information guides the decisions of our management team and Board of Directors. In

parallel, our stockholders and the financial markets rely on our financial information as well. For these reasons, we must maintain a workplace where individuals can raise concerns free of any retaliation, discrimination, or harassment when they reasonably believe that they are aware of questionable accounting, internal accounting controls, or other financial matters, or the reporting of fraudulent financial information (collectively, “**Fraudulent Activities**”).

Reporting and Investigation

If you have a good faith concern regarding conduct that you believe to be a violation of law or Company policy including this Code (“**Violation**”), or a belief that any Violation or Fraudulent Activity has occurred or is occurring, you should:

- Discuss the situation with your lead or your HRBP; or
- If your lead is involved in the situation or you are uncomfortable speaking with your lead, contact your HRBP, the People Lead, General Counsel, or Chief Financial Officer; or
- If you do not believe your concern is being adequately addressed, you are not comfortable speaking with one of the above-noted contacts, or you prefer to remain anonymous, you may report your concern via our reporting hotline at www.lighthouse-services.com/square (available to all individuals performing services for Block) or at the appropriate hotline number listed for your local jurisdiction at go/localreporting, through which you may choose to identify yourself or remain anonymous. Concerns submitted through the reporting hotline that are financial or accounting related will be reviewed by a member of the Audit and Risk Committee and General Counsel or their delegates, as appropriate.

No Retaliation

Block is committed to maintaining a work environment in which you feel free to raise any good faith concern, free of retaliation, discrimination, or harassment (“**Retaliation**”). Accordingly, we will not tolerate any Retaliation against any individual for reporting or participating in good faith in the investigation of any suspected Violation or Fraudulent Activity.

Nothing in this Code prevents you from reporting information to federal/national, state/provincial, local or foreign law enforcement agencies when you have reasonable cause to believe that a violation of law has occurred.

Cooperate in Investigations

You are expected to cooperate in good faith in any investigations, and provide complete and truthful information. All information disclosed during the course of the investigation will remain confidential, except as reasonably necessary to conduct the investigation, to allow Block to take any remedial action and/or to comply with applicable law or regulations requiring the disclosure of such information.

COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES

Insider Trading Policy

You may not trade or enable others to trade Block stock or stock of another company, such as a customer, supplier, competitor, potential acquisition or alliance, while in possession of MNPI about that company. Insider trading not only violates this Code, it also violates the law and can result in criminal consequences. Any questions as to whether information is material or has been adequately disclosed should be directed to insider@. Please review Block's Insider Trading Policy, which explains the risks of insider trading and trading windows when you may not trade Block stock.

Digital Currency Transaction Policy

You may not engage in transactions and activities involving digital currency if you are in possession of MNPI about that digital currency or during a special blackout period related to that digital currency. Please refer to Block's Digital Currency Transaction Policy or direct questions to digitalcurrencypolicy@ for additional information.

Antitrust and Fair Dealing

Competing vigorously, yet lawfully, with competitors and establishing advantageous, but fair, business relationships with customers and suppliers is a part of the foundation for long-term success. That being said, unlawful and unethical conduct, which may lead to short-term gains, would damage Block's reputation and long-term business prospects. Accordingly, you must comply with antitrust and competition laws and deal ethically and lawfully with our customers, suppliers, competitors, employees, and contractors in all business dealings on our behalf. You should not take unfair advantage of another person in business dealings on our behalf through the abuse of privileged or confidential information or through improper manipulation, concealment or misrepresentation of material facts, or any other unfair dealing practices. Antitrust laws apply in locations throughout the world, and can be complicated. If you have any questions about the applicability of any antitrust law or regulation, please reach out to Legal at ma-legal@.

Global Sanctions Policy

While performing work on behalf of Block, you must adhere to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“**OFAC**”) Global Policy (go/sanctionspolicy), which restricts you from providing services in violation of local sanction law and prohibits any travel (personal or business) to a comprehensively sanctioned area (ie., Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Crimea Region of Ukraine, subject to OFAC amendments) without 14 days advance notice and approval received from globalsanctions@.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Avoid Conflicts of Interest

When faced with a situation in which you have competing loyalties between Block’s interests and your personal interests that could benefit you, your friends, or family members, your decisions and actions should be based on Block’s interests. You should avoid any situation that may create an actual or perceived conflict of interest. When faced with a potential conflict of interest, ask yourself:

- Could this situation create an actual or perceived benefit for me, my friends, or my family at Block’s expense?
- Could this activity impact or hinder my ability to work at Block?

Situations that commonly create conflicts of interest include (but are not limited to):

Investing in a company that has a business relationship with Block: You should seek approval before making any significant personal investments or other financial interests in any company that has a business relationship with Block, or that competes with Block’s current or anticipated business. Significant personal investments or financial interests include those where you have the ability to control or influence the management or operating policies of the company.

Accepting or giving gifts, entertainment, or favors: You may not accept gifts, entertainment, or other favors from a third party where doing so creates an appearance that such action was intended to influence a business decision, did influence a business decision, or created a reciprocal obligation. Business courtesies such as meals and tickets to entertainment events are permitted if they are reasonable in cost and the purpose is to hold bona fide business discussions or to foster better business relations. Gifts, entertainment, or other favors may never be provided to government officials, including officers and employees of government agencies and state-owned or state-controlled entities, on behalf of Block without Legal approval. Bribes and kickbacks – offering anything of value to obtain new business, retain existing business, expedite government actions, or secure any improper advantage – are strictly prohibited. More details on this are available in our Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy and Guidelines in the Employee Handbook.

Engaging friends or family in employment or other business relationships: To the extent permitted under local law, *you must disclose any* personal, familial, or romantic relationships with a competitor, supplier, subordinate employee of Block, or individual performing services for Block that create a potential or actual conflict of interest. If you are unsure about whether a conflict exists, you should share the relevant circumstances with your lead or your HRBP for guidance. When necessary, we will take appropriate action to manage the conflict based on the circumstances. In cases where there is an actual or potential conflict, even if there is no line of authority or reporting involved, Block may, in its sole discretion, make alternative reporting or decision-making arrangements, or may take appropriate action to resolve the conflict, to the extent permitted by applicable local law.

Outside Activities: Obtain pre-approval before engaging in any outside activities that could interfere with your work at Block, or if they could result in an actual or perceived conflict of interest. Outside activities include (but are not limited to) other employment, consulting, serving on a board or in another advisory capacity, and volunteer activities.

- If you are interested in pursuing an outside activity, your next step is to submit a Jira request at [go/outsideactivities](#). For more details, please refer to the Outside Activities Policy.

Corporate Opportunities: Obtain pre-approval before:

- diverting to yourself or to others any opportunities that are discovered through your work at Block;
- using Block's property or information or your position for personal gain; or
- competing with Block

Disclose Potential Conflicts and Report Concerns: You must disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest (or even the appearance of an actual or potential conflict of interest), including but not limited to the above situations, to your HRBP. You must promptly take action to eliminate a conflict of interest if Block asks you to do so. If you become aware of any actual or potential conflict of interest, bribe/kickback, or other ethical concern at Block, immediately report your concern to your lead, your HRBP, the People Lead, or the General Counsel, even if you are not sure whether the conduct violates this Code or any other Block policy. Block does not permit Retaliation of any kind for reports of misconduct made in good faith or cooperation in any investigation of such reports. Please refer to the Report Potential Violations section (described above) for additional information.

Political Affiliations and Charitable Contributions: If you contribute time or money to any political or charitable activity, you must comply with all laws, regulations, and Block policies regarding gifts to, and entertainment of, governmental officials, charitable organizations and political organizations. You may not use Block's stationery, the Block name or logo, work titles with Block, or subordinates to express personal political opinions, promote candidates, or seek political contributions.

All donations to charitable organizations and political organizations on behalf of Block must be reviewed and approved by the Policy team via communitygiving@. In addition, if you become involved with a political group, you must make it clear that your activities are being conducted purely in a personal capacity and not on behalf of or in connection with Block.

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Protection and Use of Block Technology

Block provides you with a range of technology, equipment, and data access to do your job effectively. You are expected to operate your Block-issued equipment in a reasonably safe manner. You should make every reasonable attempt to prevent your equipment from becoming damaged or a security vulnerability for Block. Lost or stolen equipment should be reported to the IT team immediately (theft@). Instructions will be provided to help with recovery of the issued equipment, or instructions for replacement equipment will be offered.

Security and Privacy

You have a shared duty to protect Block’s intellectual property, MNPI, personally identifiable information, other data described in go/datapolicy (collectively, “**Block Data**”) and other business assets. We take our intellectual property, Block Data, business systems, and network security very seriously. Good security, working practices, and procedures for Block property, in all its forms, are critical in protecting Block Data and intellectual property development that fuels Block’s growth, the livelihood of employees, and our collective investment in Block. Block’s files, networks, software, internet access, internet browser programs, email, voice mail, and other business equipment and resources are provided for business use, and they are the exclusive property of Block. Misuse of such property is not tolerated. We reserve the right to monitor your use of Block systems (including email and Slack communications) and access to Block data to secure our systems, monitor compliance with this Code and other Block policies, and protect our rights and the rights of our customers. For more information, refer to our Data Policy or send questions to infosec@.

LABOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Working Hours

We comply with any applicable legal limits with respect to hours worked (including overtime hours) and working days.

Wages

We provide all wages and any legally-mandated benefits, and make any wage withholdings, in accordance with applicable laws. We also comply with any applicable wage reduction laws.

Forced Labor

Block seeks to ensure that all personnel performing services for Block are doing so on a voluntary basis, with the freedom to terminate their employment status at their own discretion, subject to any applicable notice provisions to the extent permitted by law. Slavery, forced labor, indentured work, and human trafficking of any kind will not be permitted under any circumstances.

Child Labor

Block will not employ anyone below the minimum legal age for employment in their respective country or locale, and in no circumstance shall employ anyone under the age of 15. We expect all Block employees to implement all necessary and effective practices and

processes to ensure that we do not employ anyone who is underage.

You should report any labor and human rights compliance concerns to your HRBP or as set out in the Reporting Potential Violations section of this Code.

AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, AND WAIVERS

Block is committed to continuously reviewing and updating our policies, and therefore reserves the right to amend this Code at any time, for any reason, subject to applicable law. Any amendment or modification of this Code must be approved by our Board of Directors and promptly disclosed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Any waiver of any provision of this Code for an executive officer or director of the Company (or its direct or indirect subsidiaries) must be approved by our Board of Directors, or a committee authorized by our Board of Directors, and promptly disclosed pursuant to applicable laws and regulations. Any waiver of any provision of this Code for any other employees must be approved by the General Counsel.