



## **SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

**It is my understanding that any report I send from a diocesan computer generates a server log that shows every website that my PC connects with, and won't this log identify me as a report originator?**

EthicsPoint does not generate or maintain any internal connection logs with IP addresses, so no information linking your PC to EthicsPoint is available. In fact, EthicsPoint is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity. If you feel uncomfortable making a report on your work PC, you have the option of using a PC outside our work environment. Many people choose this option, as EthicsPoint's data shows that fewer than 12% of reports are generated during normal office hours.

**Can I file a report from home and remain anonymous?**

A report from home, a neighbor's computer, or any Internet portal will remain secure and anonymous. An Internet portal never identifies a visitor by screen name and the EthicsPoint system strips away Internet addresses so that anonymity is totally maintained. Plus, EthicsPoint is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity.

**I am concerned that the information I provide EthicsPoint will ultimately reveal my identity. How can you assure me that will not happen?**

The EthicsPoint system is designed to protect your anonymity. However, if you wish to remain anonymous, you - as a reporting party - need to ensure that the body of the report does not reveal your identity by accident. For example, "From my office space next to Jan Smith..." or "In my 33 years..."

**Is the telephone toll-free hot line confidential and anonymous too?**

Yes. You will be asked to provide the same information that you would provide in an Internet-based report and an interviewer will type your responses into the EthicsPoint Web site. These reports have the same security and confidentiality measures applied to them during delivery.