

EPA R4 Communications Workshop To Who Can/Can't Public Sector People Talk

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Public Sector Touchpoints

Allowed Public Sector Touchpoints

- **To who are public sector employees allowed to be in contact?**
 - Employee to public
 - Where their job duties require direct public contact
 - Within proscribed limits of those duties
 - Employee to Employer
 - Within the employer's chain of command
 - Employee to Elected Official
 - In most instances ONLY when contacted first by the elected official, and then only within the context of the official's request

Allowed Public Sector Touchpoints

- **To who are public sector employees NOT allowed to be in contact?**
 - Employee to Elected Official
 - In terms of employment duties, public sector employees CANNOT approach elected officials in terms of job-related duties
 - In other words, public sector employees CANNOT advocate (lobby) for policy changes that would affect their employment status

Allowed Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Touchpoints

- **To who are NGO employees allowed to be in contact?**
 - Depends on
 - NGO funding origins
 - Corporation tax status
 - Different elements of an NGO may have different rules

THANK YOU!

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