

POLICY NUMBER 9: PROCEDURE FOR FILING OF A COMPLAINT WITH THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS REGISTRATION

If a person wishes to file a complaint of professional misconduct against a Registered Professional Forester or Certified Specialist (CRM), the complaint must be submitted in writing, and mailed to Professional Foresters Registration, P.O. Box 94426, Sacramento, CA 94244- 2460, (916) 653-8031.

For purpose of providing direction to the Executive Officer of Foresters Licensing, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) suggests that all complaints be filed in a consistent format and include the following information:

1. The identity of the person who is the subject of the complaint, including his or her license number if known;
2. A short description of the transaction or circumstances involved;
3. The date and place (city or county) where the events occurred;
4. The identity and addresses or telephone number of any other person(s) who have knowledge of the events described;
5. A description of the loss, damage or other adverse consequences of the licensee's conduct;
6. Copies of pertinent portions of any plans, reports, letters, business records or other documents which support the complaint.

All complaints should contain the following verification:

VERIFICATION

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY OF THE LAWS OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE FACTS STATED HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEGE AND BELIEF.

DATE:

CITY OR PLACE:

SIGNATURE:

NOTE TO COMPLAINANTS: The complainant will receive a letter from Professional Foresters Registration acknowledging receipt of the complaint approximately 3 weeks after submittal. The complaint will then go through an initial review by the Executive Officer. You may be contacted by the Board to provide clarification or additional information. If a complaint you file results in prosecution, it is possible you may be compelled to testify in the case. You will be notified if this is necessary. You will also be notified of the conclusion of the matter and whether disciplinary action resulted, as appropriate.