



Building Circular

Department of Defense/Washington Headquarters Services

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SUBJECT: Restrictions on Political Activities and Posting Materials in DoD Facilities.

The purpose of this circular is to restate the WHS Policy on political activities.

The following guidance is provided to all employees in both federally owned and leased buildings in the National Capital Region. This guidance reiterates federal regulations concerning both political activities and the posting of political materials in our DoD facilities.

Federal employees may not engage in political activity while on duty, in a government office, while wearing an official uniform or while using a government vehicle. This prohibition restricts an employee from displaying political posters, bumper stickers or campaign buttons in his or her office or in the common areas of a federal building (5 CFR 734.306).

In general, all persons entering in or on Federal property are prohibited from posting, affixing or distributing materials, such as pamphlets, handbills, or flyers, on bulletin boards or elsewhere on Government-controlled property, except as authorized by the policy concerning soliciting, vending, and debt collection (41 CFR 102-74.410) or when these displays are conducted as part of authorized Government activities. This prohibition does not apply to public areas of a property, for example, a lobby or other common area of a leased facility. In these cases, a person or organization proposing to post or distribute materials in a public area must first obtain a permit from the building manager and post or distribute materials only in accordance with the provisions of the permit (41 CFR 102-74.415 and 32 CFR 234.14).

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