

Dear Attorney General

Right now it feels like there is one law for big companies and another for individuals.

I want to see changes to UK law which would make it easier to prosecute big companies for serious wrongdoing including harming people in developing countries.

Please will you initiate a review of the way companies are legally held to account which looks at:

1. The 'identification principle' which means that prosecutors need to prove the involvement of those at the very top.
2. Lack of 'extra-territorial liability' which means that companies cannot be prosecuted for harm they cause in another country, even if they profit from it.

Yours sincerely

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Everyone is equal under the law, but it just doesn't feel like it.

Some big companies are not being prosecuted – even when their actions lead to appalling things like phone hacking or the deaths of people abroad.

Why should a company which has been complicit in criminality just throw a few people over the side and sail bravely on?

Director of the Serious
Fraud Office, 2013

There are two problems we want the Attorney General to look at.

1. The fact that prosecutors have to prove the involvement of the people at the very top. In big complex companies, senior managers can deflect the blame onto more junior staff.
2. The fact that companies cannot be prosecuted for harm they cause in another country, even if they are profiting from it.

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Phone hacking



Dumping toxic waste overseas...

What's the connection?

They might sound like two different issues, but the same thing happened. Nothing. The companies weren't prosecuted, despite the evidence.

In theory, companies can be prosecuted like anyone else. But in practice, gaps in the law mean this hardly ever happens.

These gaps have been known for a long time. The Law Commission, the organisation whose job it is to review the law, recommended change back in 2010.

On the left is a postcard to the Attorney General, the most senior legal adviser to the government, calling on him to review the way companies are held to account.

Please join us and send off the postcard today.

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What a big company can do and might not be prosecuted

<p>PHONE HACKING</p>	<p>RIGGING INTEREST RATES</p>	<p>DUMPING TOXIC WASTE OVERSEAS</p>	<p>KILLING PEOPLE ABROAD</p>
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