

Need another word that means the same as “misconduct”? Find 52 synonyms and 30 related words for “misconduct” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Misconduct” are:** actus reus, wrongdoing, wrongful conduct, delinquency, unlawfulness, lawlessness, crime, felony, criminality, sin, sinfulness, evil, misbehaviour, bad behaviour, misdeeds, misdemeanours, badness, mischief, naughtiness, rudeness, negligence, neglect, neglectfulness, failure, misbehave, misdemean, mishandle, mismanage, do wrong, go wrong, behave badly, misconduct oneself, be bad, be naughty, get up to mischief, get up to no good, act up, act badly, give someone trouble, cause someone trouble, botch, bungle, fluff, fumble, make a mess of, misdirect, misgovern, mar, spoil, ruin, mangle, wreck

## Misconduct as a Noun

### Definitions of "Misconduct" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “misconduct” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Bad or dishonest management by persons supposed to act on another's behalf.*
- *Mismanagement, especially culpable neglect of duties.*
- *Activity that transgresses moral or civil law.*
- *Unacceptable or improper behaviour, especially by an employee or professional person.*
- *A penalty assessed against a player for unsportsmanlike conduct.*

## Synonyms of "Misconduct" as a noun (24 Words)

<b>actus reus</b>	Activity that transgresses moral or civil law.
<b>bad behaviour</b>	That which is below standard or expectations as of ethics or decency.
<b><u>badness</u></b>	Used of the degree of something undesirable e.g. pain or weather. <i>The concepts of goodness and <b>badness</b>.</i>
<b><u>crime</u></b>	An action or activity considered to be evil, shameful, or wrong. <i><b>Crimes</b> of the heart.</i>
<b>criminality</b>	The state of being a criminal. <i>A regime that sanctions organized <b>criminality</b>.</i>
<b>delinquency</b>	Neglect of one's duty. <i>He relayed this in such a manner as to imply grave <b>delinquency</b> on the host's part.</i>
<b>evil</b>	That which causes harm or destruction or misfortune. <i>The <b>evil</b> that took place last Thursday.</i>
<b>failure</b>	Lack of success. <i>The mechanic's <b>failure</b> to check the brakes.</i>
<b>felony</b>	A crime regarded in the US and many other judicial systems as more serious than a misdemeanour. <i>An accusation of <b>felony</b>.</i>
<b>lawlessness</b>	A state of lawlessness and disorder usually resulting from a failure of government. <i>The country's descent into <b>lawlessness</b>.</i>
<b>misbehaviour</b>	Improper or wicked or immoral behavior. <i>He had denied all sexual <b>misbehaviour</b>.</i>
<b><u>mischief</u></b>	Playful misbehaviour, especially on the part of children. <i>She'll make sure Danny doesn't get into <b>mischief</b>.</i>
<b>misdeeds</b>	Improper or wicked or immoral behavior.
<b>misdemeanours</b>	A crime less serious than a felony.
<b>naughtiness</b>	An attribute of mischievous children.
<b><u>neglect</u></b>	The state of something that has been unused and neglected. <i>She was accused of child <b>neglect</b>.</i>
<b>neglectfulness</b>	The trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern.
<b><u>negligence</u></b>	Breach of a duty of care which results in damage. <i>His injury was due to the <b>negligence</b> of his employers.</i>
<b><u>rudeness</u></b>	Roughness or simplicity. <i>Alice becomes disgusted by the <b>rudeness</b> of her three companions.</i>

**sin**

Ratio of the length of the side opposite the given angle to the length of the hypotenuse of a right-angled triangle.

*The human capacity for **sin**.*

**sinfulness**

Estrangement from god.

**unlawfulness**

The quality of failing to conform to law.

**wrongdoing**

Illegal or dishonest behaviour.

*Police have denied any **wrongdoing**.*

**wrongful conduct** Manner of acting or controlling yourself.

## Usage Examples of "Misconduct" as a noun

- *The general was pardoned for misconduct of the war.*
- *Smith got a game misconduct for spearing Nick Kypreos.*
- *She was found guilty of professional misconduct by a disciplinary tribunal and dismissed.*

## Misconduct as a Verb

### Definitions of "Misconduct" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "misconduct" as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Behave in an improper manner.*
- *Behave badly.*
- *Mismanage (an activity).*
- *Manage badly or incompetently.*

### Synonyms of "Misconduct" as a verb (28 Words)

**act badly**

Perform an action, or work out or perform (an action).

**act up**

Discharge one's duties.

**be bad**

Spend or use time.

**be naughty**

Spend or use time.

**behave badly**

Behave well or properly.

**botch**

Make a mess of, destroy or ruin.

*He was accused of **botching** the job.*

<b><u>bungle</u></b>	Make a mess of, destroy or ruin. <i>I <b>bungled</b> it.</i>
<b>cause someone trouble</b>	Cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner.
<b>do wrong</b>	Be sufficient; be adequate, either in quality or quantity.
<b>fluff</b>	Erect or fluff up. <i>The extra <b>fluffed</b> his only line.</i>
<b>fumble</b>	Move clumsily in various directions using the hands to find one's way. <i>She <b>fumbled</b> a cigarette from her bag.</i>
<b>get up to mischief</b>	Achieve a point or goal.
<b>get up to no good</b>	Grasp with the mind or develop an understanding of.
<b>give someone trouble</b>	Present to view.
<b>go wrong</b>	Give support (to) or make a choice (of) one out of a group or number.
<b>make a mess of</b>	Amount to.
<b>mangle</b>	Press with a mangle. <i>The car was <b>mangled</b> almost beyond recognition.</i>
<b>mar</b>	Impair the quality or appearance of; spoil. <i>Violence <b>marred</b> a number of New Year celebrations.</i>
<b>misbehave</b>	Behave badly. <i>The children <b>misbehaved</b> all morning.</i>
<b>misconduct oneself</b>	Manage badly or incompetently.
<b>misdeemean</b>	Behave badly.
<b>misdirect</b>	Aim (something) in the wrong direction. <i>Their efforts have been largely <b>misdirected</b>.</i>
<b>misgovern</b>	Govern badly. <i>Every nation has the right to govern or <b>misgovern</b> itself.</i>
<b>mishandle</b>	Manage or deal with (something) wrongly or ineffectively. <i>The equipment could be dangerous if <b>mishandled</b>.</i>
<b>mismanage</b>	Manage (something) badly or wrongly. <i>The funds were <b>mismanaged</b>.</i>
<b>ruin</b>	Fall into ruin. <i>The country lay <b>ruined</b> after the war.</i>
<b>spoil</b>	Treat with excessive indulgence. <i>I've got some ham that'll <b>spoil</b> if we don't eat it tonight.</i>

wreck

Suffer or undergo shipwreck.

Police began handing out warnings to people **wrecking** cars without a license.

## Usage Examples of "Misconduct" as a verb

- There is no evidence that the premises were being misconducted.
- The committee reprimanded two members who were found to have misconducted themselves.

## Associations of "Misconduct" (30 Words)

accusation

A charge or claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong.

There was **accusation** in Brian's voice.

**allegation**

A formal accusation against somebody (often in a court of law).

**Allegations** that the army was operating a shoot to kill policy.

**blame**

Put or pin the blame on.

They **blame** youth crime on unemployment.

**censure**

The formal expression of severe disapproval.

Despite episcopal **censures** the practice continued.

**corruption**

The process by which a computer database or program becomes debased by alteration or the introduction of errors.

**Corruption** of a minor.

**delinquency**

A failure to pay an outstanding debt by the due date.

He relayed this in such a manner as to imply grave **delinquency** on the host's part.

**disbar**

Expel (a barrister) from the Bar, so that they no longer have the right to practise law.

The corrupt lawyer was **disbarred**.

**embezzle**

Steal or misappropriate (money placed in one's trust or belonging to the organization for which one works).

She had **embezzled** 5 600 000 in company funds.

**felony**

A crime regarded in the US and many other judicial systems as more serious than a misdemeanour.

An accusation of **felony**.

**illegal**

Prohibited by law or by official or accepted rules.

**Illegal** drugs.

<b>impeachment</b>	A charge of treason or another crime against the state. <i>The prosecutor s detailed <b>impeachment</b> of the character witness.</i>
<b>improper</b>	Lacking in modesty or decency. <i>Slightly <b>improper</b> to dine alone with a married man.</i>
<b>impropriety</b>	The condition of being improper. <i>She was scandalized at the <b>impropriety</b> of the question.</i>
<b>inappropriate</b>	Not in keeping with what is correct or proper. <i><b>Inappropriate</b> shoes for a walk on the beach.</i>
<b>incapacity</b>	Lack of physical or natural qualifications. <i>They can be sacked only for <b>incapacity</b> or misbehaviour.</i>
<b>indict</b>	Accuse formally of a crime. <i>His former manager was <b>indicted</b> for fraud.</i>
<b>juror</b>	A person taking an oath, especially one of allegiance.
<b>malfeasance</b>	Wrongful conduct by a public official.
<b>misbehave</b>	(of a machine) fail to function correctly. <i>Josh <b>misbehaved</b> pushing his food off the table.</i>
<b>misdeed</b>	Improper or wicked or immoral behavior. <i>His past <b>misdeeds</b> were forgiven.</i>
<b>misdirect</b>	Aim (something) in the wrong direction. <i>Voters were <b>misdirected</b> to the wrong polling station.</i>
<b>misguide</b>	Mislead. <i>A long survey that can only baffle and <b>misguide</b> the general reader.</i>
<b>misinform</b>	Give (someone) false or inaccurate information. <i>I m afraid you have been <b>misinformed</b>.</i>
<b>misinterpret</b>	Interpret (something or someone) wrongly. <i>Don t <b>misinterpret</b> my comments as criticism.</i>
<b>mislead</b>	Give false or misleading information to. <i>The government misled the public about the road's environmental impact.</i>
<b>perjury</b>	The offence of wilfully telling an untruth or making a misrepresentation under oath. <i>He claimed two witnesses at his trial had committed <b>perjury</b>.</i>
<b>prohibit</b>	Command against. <i>The budget agreement had <b>prohibited</b> any tax cuts.</i>
<b>proscription</b>	Rejection by means of an act of banishing or proscribing someone. <i>He plays a the priest whose moral <b>proscriptions</b> lead only to catastrophe.</i>
<b>unsuitable</b>	Not conducive to good moral development. <i>A solvent <b>unsuitable</b> for use on wood surfaces.</i>

**wrong**

Treat unjustly do wrong to.  
*Your information is **wrong**.*