

Workplace harassment policy

A Workplace Harassment Policy may also be referred to as an **Anti-Harassment, Employee Harassment, Sexual Harassment** or **Racial Harassment Policy**.

Policy brief & purpose

Our anti-harassment policy expresses our commitment to maintain a workplace that is free of harassment, so our employees can feel safe and happy. We will not tolerate anyone intimidating, humiliating, or sabotaging others in our workplace. We also prohibit willful discrimination based on [*age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, racial, religion or disability.*]

Scope

This workplace harassment policy applies to all employees, contractors, public visitors, customers, and anyone else whom employees come into contact with at work.

Policy elements

What is the definition of harassment in the workplace?

Harassment includes bullying, intimidation, direct insults, malicious gossip, and victimization. We cannot create an exhaustive list, but here are some instances that we consider harassment:

- [*Sabotaging someone's work on purpose.*]
- [*Engaging in frequent or unwanted advances of any nature.*]

- [*Commenting derogatorily on a person.*]
- [*Starting or spreading rumors about a person's personal life.*]
- [*Ridiculing someone in front of others or singling them out to perform tasks unrelated to their job (e.g., bringing coffee) against their will.*]

Sexual harassment is illegal, and we will seriously investigate relevant reports. If an employee is found guilty of sexual harassment, they will be terminated.

How to address harassment

If you are being harassed, whether by a colleague, customer, or vendor, you can choose to talk to any of these people:

- **Offenders.** If you suspect that an offender does not realize they are guilty of harassment, you could talk to them directly to resolve the issue. This tactic is appropriate for cases of minor harassment (e.g., inappropriate jokes between colleagues.) Avoid using this approach with customers or stakeholders.
- **Your manager.** If customers, stakeholders, or team members are involved in your claim, you may reach out to your manager. Your manager will assess your situation and may contact HR if appropriate.
- **HR.** Feel free to reach out to HR in any case of harassment no matter how minor it may seem. For your safety, contact HR as soon as possible in cases of serious harassment (e.g., sexual advances) or if your manager is involved in your claim. Anything you disclose will remain confidential.

Disciplinary Consequences

Punishment for harassment depends on the severity of the offence and may include counseling, reprimands, suspensions, or [termination](#).