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Creating a Respectful Workplace: Harassment Prevention Workshop

Welcome to our comprehensive workshop on harassment prevention and fostering a respectful workplace environment. Today we'll explore how to recognize, prevent, and address workplace harassment.

The Reality of Workplace Harassment

44%

75%

Experience Harassment

Almost half of all employees face some form of workplace harassment

Witness Bullying

Three-quarters of workers have observed workplace bullying

60%

Cleaning Industry

Majority of cleaning staff report dangerous working conditions

These statistics reveal an alarming reality. Harassment affects productivity, morale, and well-being. In our industry, the risks are even higher.



Types of Harassment

Discriminatory

Based on protected characteristics like race, gender, religion, or age

Sexual

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests, or other verbal/physical conduct

Retaliation

Negative actions against someone who reports harassment

Psychological

Bullying, intimidation, or verbal abuse

Wage Violations

Unpaid work, denied breaks, or improper compensation









Sexual Harassment in the Cleaning Industry

Industry Statistics

33% of cleaning staff experience sexual harassment. Most incidents go unreported due to fear of job loss.

Women face 72.5% of nonfatal workplace violence cases in the cleaning sector.

Common Forms

- Inappropriate comments about appearance
- Unwanted touching or physical contact
- Pressure for dates or sexual favors
- Sexual jokes or displaying offensive material

Our Zero-Tolerance Policy



Question: What does "zero-tolerance" mean for our workplace?

Recognizing Harassment

Unwelcome Conduct

Actions that are uninvited, unwanted, and unwelcome by the recipient.

- Offensive jokes or slurs
- Intimidating behavior
- Unwanted touching

Hostile Environment

Conduct that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work atmosphere.

- Pervasive unwelcome comments
- Displayed offensive materials
- Exclusion based on characteristics

Multiple Sources

Harassment can come from anyone in the workplace.

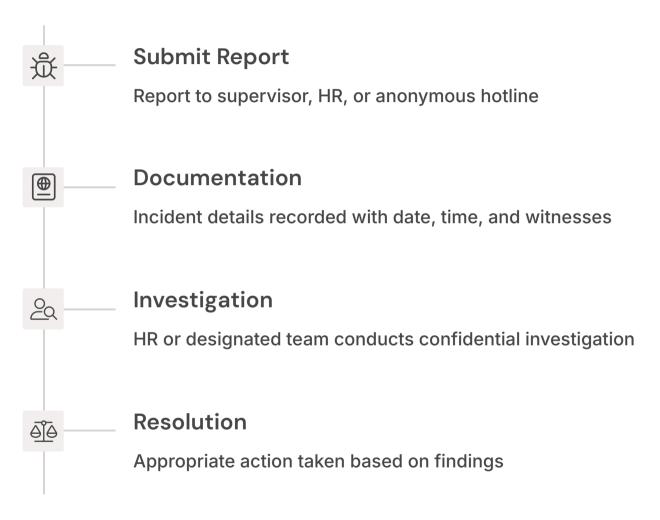
- Supervisors and managers
- Coworkers and colleagues
- Clients and customers

Question: Can you give an example of conduct that creates a hostile environment?





Reporting Procedures



Question: What information should you include when reporting an incident?





Bystander Intervention



Recognize

Identify harassment situations

Speak Up

Safely intervene if possible

Support

Offer assistance to the victim

Report

Alert management to the situation

Question: What would you do if you witnessed a coworker being harassed?





Creating a Respectful Workplace

Professional Communication

Use appropriate language and tone. Consider how others might interpret your words.

Respect Boundaries

Be aware of personal space. Ask permission before touching others, even casually.

Embrace Diversity

Value different perspectives. Learn about other cultures and experiences.

Practice Empathy

Consider how your actions affect others. Apologize if you unintentionally cause harm.

Question: How can you show respect for coworkers from different backgrounds?



Key Takeaways

Zero Tolerance

Our company prohibits all forms of harassment, without exception

Shared Responsibility

Everyone must help prevent harassment and promote respect

Prompt Reporting

Report all concerning behaviors immediately through proper channels

Safe Environment

Together, we will create a workplace where everyone feels valued

Question: What is your most important role in preventing workplace harassment?