



ANTEX WESTERN LTD.

HARASSMENT POLICY

Purpose

It is the policy of Antex Western Ltd to ensure a safe work place free from harassment for all of its employees.

Policy

Antex Western will provide each and every worker with a safe workplace. Therefore Antex Western Ltd has adopted a policy prohibiting the harassment of workers of Antex Western Ltd or other workers on the job site.

What is Harassment

There are 3 main types of harassment. One type includes inappropriate conduct in any form about a person's: age, race, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, economic status, political belief, association or activity, disability, size, weight, physical appearance, nationality, ancestry or place of origin.

The second type relates to what is sometimes referred to as "bullying" behavior that may involve: a repeated humiliation or intimidation that adversely affects a worker's psychological or physical well being or a single instance so serious that it has a lasting, harmful effect on a worker.

The third type relates to sexual harassment which includes offensive or humiliating behavior that is related to a person's sex, as well as behavior of a sexual nature that creates an intimidating, unwelcome, hostile, or offensive work environment, or that could reasonably be thought to put sexual conditions on a person's job or employment opportunities. A few examples are: questions and discussions about a person's sexual life; touching a person in a sexual way; commenting on someone's sexual attractiveness or sexual unattractiveness; persisting in asking for a date after having been refused; telling a woman she belongs at home or is not suited for a particular job; eyeing someone in a suggestive way; displaying cartoons or posters of a sexual nature; writing sexually suggestive letters or notes;

Harassment may be written, verbal, physical, a gesture or display, or any combination of these. It may happen only once, but often happens repeatedly.

Employee Rights and Responsibilities

Employees are entitled to work free of harassment at Antex Western or any jobsite

Employees have the responsibility to treat each other with respect. We ask that any employee who experiences harassment or sees another person harassed reports it to the Safety Coordinator or Company Manager in writing immediately.

Employees are responsible to co-operate in the investigation of a harassment complaint. Anyone who investigates or gives evidence in a complaint investigation is asked to keep details confidential until the investigation is complete.



All employees have the Right to file a complaint with the Manitoba Human Rights Commission.

Employer Responsibilities

Management at Antex Western must ensure, as much as possible, that no employee is harassed at the workplace.

Management will take corrective action with anyone under their direction who harasses another person.

Management will not disclose the name of a complainant or an alleged harasser or the circumstances of the complaint to anyone except where disclosure is: necessary to investigate the complaint; a part of taking corrective action; required by law

The harassment prevention policy at Antex Western does not discourage or prevent anyone from exercising their legal rights.

Antex Western, its managers and supervisors are responsible for keeping a safe work environment, free of harassment. If you are a manager and you become aware of harassment you must do everything in your power to stop it, whether or not a complaint is made.

Courts presume that employers and managers are responsible for being aware of harassment in their organization and may penalize them accordingly. Managers who ignore harassment leave themselves and their employer open to legal consequences, and will be disciplined at Antex Western.

Procedures Applying to Complaints of Harassment

If you are harassed, the first thing to do is tell the person harassing you to stop, if you feel comfortable doing that. You can do this in person or in writing. If you feel unable to deal with him or her directly, you can speak to your supervisor or Safety Coordinator.

There may be informal ways to handle your complaint. Your supervisor may speak to the harasser. Your supervisor may also arrange for mediation, in which a neutral third party helps the people involved reach an acceptable solution. If the informal route does not succeed or is not appropriate, Antex Western supports its employees in filing a formal complaint.

The complaint will be investigated thoroughly and promptly by an independent party (either within the organization or outside of it) trained to investigate such matters. When the investigation is complete, the investigator will provide a written report for management.

The manager responsible will inform the person who filed the complaint and the harasser of any remedies or disciplinary action.

Corrective Action for Harassers

Employees who harass another person will be subject to corrective action by the employer. In most cases, the harasser will also be required to attend workplace behavior training.



If the investigation does not find evidence to support the complaint, no record will be kept in the file of the alleged harasser. When the investigation finds harassment occurred, the incident and the corrective action will be recorded in the harasser's personnel file.

Confidentiality

The company and its managers will not identify a complainant, an alleged harasser or any circumstances about a complaint, to anyone, except: when it is necessary in investigating the complaint; if it is part of disciplinary action; where required by law.

Retaliation

Anyone who retaliates in any way against a person who has complained of harassment, given evidence in a harassment investigation or been found guilty of harassment, will be considered to have committed harassment and will be subject to corrective actions described previously.

Education

Antex Western commits to making sure all of its employees and managers learn about harassment and the company's harassment policy.


Monitoring

Antex Western will monitor this policy and make adjustments whenever necessary. If you have any concerns with this policy, please bring them to the attention of Management or the Safety Coordinator.

Remedies for the Harassed Worker

Employees who have been harassed may be entitled to one or more of the following remedies, depending on the severity of the harassment and its effects: an oral or written apology from the harasser and Antex Western, compensation for any lost wages, a job or promotion that was denied because of harassment, compensation for any lost employment benefits, such as sick leave, a commitment they will not be transferred, or have a transfer reversed, unless they choose to move.

No record of the complaint, investigation or decision will go in the employee's personnel file if the complaint was made in good faith. Any unfavourable work review or comments that were placed in the complainant's personnel file because of the harassment will be removed from the file.



President

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Date