



NON-DISCRIMINATION AND ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

HKC is committed to a work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to work in a professional atmosphere that promotes equal employment opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices, including any form of harassment, including sexual harassment. HKC expects that all relationships among persons in the workplace will be business-appropriate and free of bias, prejudice, and harassment.

DEFINITIONS OF HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment constitutes discrimination and is illegal under federal, state and local laws. For the purposes of this policy, sexual harassment is defined, as in the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Guidelines, as:

- harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, self-identified or perceived sex, gender expression, gender identity and the status of being transgender
- unwelcome sexual advances,
- requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when, for example:
 - (i) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment;
 - (ii) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or
 - (iii) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

Sexual harassment may include a range of subtle and not so subtle behaviors and may involve individuals of the same or different gender. Depending on the circumstances, these behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

- unwanted sexual advances or requests for sexual favors;
- sexual jokes and innuendo;
- verbal abuse of a sexual nature;
- commentary about an individual's body, sexual prowess or sexual deficiencies;
- leering, catcalls or touching, pinching, patting, kissing hugging or grabbing or brushing against another person's body;
- insulting or obscene comments or gestures;
- display or circulation in the workplace of sexually suggestive objects or pictures (including through E-mail);



- intimidation or physical violence of a sexual nature
- and other physical, verbal or visual conduct of a sexual nature.

Sexual harassment can occur in a variety of circumstances, including but not limited to the following:

- The victim as well as the harasser may be a woman or a man. The victim does not have to be of the opposite sex.
- The harasser can be the victim's supervisor, an agent of the employer, a supervisor in another area, a co-worker, or a non-employee.
- The victim does not have to be the person harassed but could be anyone affected by the offensive conduct.
- Unlawful sexual harassment may occur without economic injury to or discharge of the victim.
- The harasser's conduct must be unwelcome.

Gender-based harassment — that is, harassment not involving sexual activity or language (e.g., male manager yells only at female employees and not males) — may also constitute discrimination if it is severe or pervasive and directed at employees because of their gender.

Harassment on the basis of any other protected characteristic is also strictly prohibited. Harassment is verbal or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of their race, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, citizenship or veteran status or any other protected characteristic as established by law or that of their relatives, friends or associates, and that:

- (i) has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment;
- (ii) has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance; or
- (iii) otherwise adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities.

Harassing conduct includes, but is not limited to epithets, slurs or negative stereotyping; threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts; denigrating jokes and display or circulation in the workplace of written or graphic material that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual or group.

INDIVIDUALS AND CONDUCT COVERED

These policies apply to all employees, interns, volunteers, applicants, and anyone on HKC property and prohibit harassment, discrimination and retaliation whether engaged in by fellow employees, by a supervisor or manager or by someone not directly connected to HKC (e.g., an outside vendor, consultant or customer).

Conduct prohibited by these policies is unacceptable in the workplace and in any work-related setting outside the workplace, such as during business trips, business meetings and business-related social events.

Individual found to be engaging in sexual harassment or any other form of harassment, as well as supervisory and managerial personnel who knowingly allow such behavior to continue will be subject to disciplinary action.

RETALIATION

Retaliation against any individual who reports discrimination or harassment or participates in an investigation of such reports is illegal; and like harassment or discrimination itself, will be subject to disciplinary action.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE

Reporting an Incident of Harassment, Discrimination or Retaliation

HKC strongly urges the reporting of all incidents of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, regardless of the offender's identity or position. Individuals who believe they have experienced or witnessed conduct that they believe is contrary to HKC's policy, is illegal, or who have concerns about such matters should file their complaints with their immediate supervisor, the Chief of Staff, or Board President *before* the conduct becomes severe or pervasive but may file at any time. Individuals should not feel obligated to file their complaints with their immediate supervisor first before bringing the matter to the attention of one of the other HKC designated representatives identified above.

Early reporting and intervention have proven to be the most effective methods of resolving actual or perceived incidents of harassment. Therefore, while no fixed reporting period has been established, HKC strongly urges the prompt reporting of complaints or concerns so that rapid and constructive action can be taken. HKC will make every effort to stop alleged harassment before it becomes severe or pervasive, but can only do so with the cooperation of its staff/employees.

The availability of this complaint procedure does not preclude individuals who believe they are being subjected to harassing conduct from promptly advising the offender that their behavior is unwelcome and requesting that it be discontinued.

Reports of harassment may be made verbally or in writing. Individuals are encouraged to file their complaint using the complaint but are not required to do so. ***Paper forms are available in each site administrative office, the online form can be found at www.camphkc.org/complaintforms or on the HKC website www.camphkc.org/support-hkc/employment-policies-forms.***

Managers and supervisors are required to report any complaint they receive or any harassment that they may observe or become aware of to the Chief of Staff. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

The Investigation

Any reported allegations of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation will be investigated promptly, thoroughly and impartially. The investigation may include individual interviews with the parties involved and, where necessary, with individuals who may have observed the alleged conduct or may have other relevant knowledge.

Confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigatory process to the extent consistent with adequate investigation and appropriate corrective action.

The investigation process includes the following steps:

- Review of the allegation
- Gathering of relevant documents including emails or phone records
- Interviewing of parties involved and any relevant witnesses
- Written documentation of the investigation, which includes list of documents reviewed, list of people interviewed and summary of statements, timeline of events, summary of prior relevant incidents, decision and final resolution of complaint including any corrective action.
- Notification to complainant and individual against whom complaint was made of final determination and responsive action

Responsive Action

Misconduct constituting harassment, discrimination, or retaliation will be dealt with promptly and appropriately as HKC believes suitable under the circumstances. Responsive action may include, for example, training, referral to counseling, monitoring of the offender and/or disciplinary action such as warning, reprimand, withholding of a promotion or pay increase, reduction of wages, demotion, temporary suspension without pay, or termination.

LEGAL PROTECTION AND EXTERNAL REMEDIES

Individuals who have questions or concerns about these policies should talk with the Chief of Staff. If an employee making a complaint does not agree with its resolution, the employee may appeal to HKC's CEO or the Board of Directors.

Individuals who believe they have experienced or witnessed conduct that they believe is contrary or illegal may choose to file the complaint externally. Some of these external forums include:

NY State Division of Human Rights (DHR) or New York State Supreme Court

- www.dhr.ny.gov/complaint | 888-392-3644
- Complaints with DHR may be filed within one (1) year of the alleged harassment.
- Suits may be brought directly in state court under the NY State Human Rights Law within three (3) years of the alleged harassment.
- Employees are protected under Executive Law article 15, Section 290 et seq.

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

- www.eeoc.gov | 800-669-4000
- Complaints with EEOC may be filed within 300 days from the alleged harassment.
- If the EEOC determines that there is reasonable cause to believe harassment has occurred they will issue a Right to Sue letter to the complainant permitting them to file in federal court or may file on their behalf.
- Employees are protected under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act

Localities

Individuals may be able to file with their local county, city, or town.

- New York City Commission on Human Rights: www.nyc.gov/HumanRights | 311 or 718-722-3131
- Rockland County Human Rights Commission: www.rocklandgov.com/departments/human-rights | 845-364-3886
- Suffolk County Human Rights Commission: www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/HumanRightsCommission | 631-853-5480

Harassment that involves unwanted physical touching, coerced physical confinement or coerced sex acts may constitute a crime and should be reported to with your local police department.

CONCLUSION

These policies should not, and may not, be used as a basis for excluding or separating individuals of a particular gender, or any other protected characteristic, from participating in business or work-related social activities or discussions in order to avoid allegations of harassment. The law and the policies of HKC prohibit disparate treatment on the basis of sex or any other protected characteristic, with regard to terms, conditions, privileges, and perquisites of employment. The prohibitions against harassment, discrimination, and retaliation are intended to complement and further these policies, not to form the basis of an exception to them.

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