

# SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS AGAINST THE LAW



Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination that occurs when an individual makes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and/or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature against his or her wishes.

The harasser can be

- a supervisor
- an agent of the employer
- a supervisor in another area
- a co-worker
- a non-employee
- the same sex as the victim

Sexual harassment occurs when submission to or rejection of this conduct explicitly or implicitly affects an individual's employment, unreasonably interferes with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Sexual harassment is a violation of state and federal laws.

The prohibition against sexual harassment does not only apply to employers . It also applies to labor organizations, employment agencies, and to individuals who aid and abet an unlawful employment practice.

## Report incidents of harassment to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you believe you are or have been the victim of sexual harassment, contact:**

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