



**PREVENTION OF SEXUAL
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WORKPLACE
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SEXUAL HARASSMENT AT WORKPLACE (PREVENTION, PROHIBITION AND REDRESSAL) POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

Ace Infracity Developers Private Limited ("Ace Group") (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") is committed to provide its employees a workplace free from sexual harassment. This policy prohibits all employees or any person at the workplace of the Company from engaging in unwelcome sexual conduct or making unwelcome sexual overtures, visual, verbal, or physical. Such conduct has the purpose, or effect of interfering with an employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Please note that 'workplace' as defined under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 would include any undertaking, establishment, unit, office, place of business of the Company and any place visited by an employee arising out of or during the course of employment including transportation provided by the employer for undertaking such a journey.

As required by applicable law in India, including without limitation the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 ("Act") and the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Rules, 2013. ("Rules") the Company has framed this 'Policy on Prevention and Redressal of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace' ("Policy"). All employees of the Company shall adhere to this Policy in letter as well as spirit. In case any aspect in this Policy is inconsistent with the Act and Rules, the provisions of the Act and Rules shall prevail.

COMMITMENT:

Our Company is committed to providing work environment that ensures every employee is treated with dignity and respect and afforded equitable treatment.

The Company is also committed to promoting a work environment that is conducive to the professional growth of its employees and encourages equality of opportunity.

The Company will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment and is committed to take all necessary steps to ensure that its employees are not subjected to any form of harassment.

APPLICABILITY:

This policy applies to all categories of employees of the Company, including permanent management and workmen, temporaries, trainees and employees on contract at their workplace or at client sites.

The Company will not tolerate sexual harassment, if engaged in by clients or by suppliers or any other business associates.

The workplace includes:

1. All offices or other premises where the Company's business is conducted.
2. All company-related activities performed at any other site away from the Company's premises.

DEFINITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

Sexual harassment may be one or a series of incidents involving unsolicited and unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, or any other verbal or physical conduct of sexual nature.

Sexual Harassment includes:

1. Unwelcome sexual advances (verbal, written or physical)
2. Demand or request for sexual favours.
3. Any other type of sexually-oriented conduct.
4. Showing Pornography.
5. Verbal abuse or 'joking' that is sex-oriented.
6. any conduct that has the purpose or the effect of interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment and/or submission to such conduct is either an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment and /or submission or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for making employment decisions.

Complainant:- Includes any women as defined in section 2(a)(1) of SHWW Act.

Complaint Committe: Means the Internal Complaint Committee as constituted under this policy.

Accused: Means an individual or group of individual against whom a complaint has been filed by the complainant.

RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

All employees of the Company have a personal responsibility to ensure that their behavior is not contrary to this policy.

All employees are encouraged to reinforce the maintenance of a work environment free from sexual harassment.

COMPLAINT MECHANISM:

An appropriate complaint mechanism in the form of "Complaints Committee" has been created in the Company for time-bound redressal of the complaint made by the victim.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE:

The Company has instituted an Internal Complaints Committee (“Committee”) for redressal of sexual harassment complaint (made by the victim) and for ensuring time bound treatment of such complaints.

The Committee will comprise of the following members out of which at least one member will be of the same gender as that of the complainant and one half of the members shall be women at all times.

Name	Designation	Email ID	Contact
Ms. Neha Chachra	Presiding Officer	neha.chachra@acegroupindia.com	9910838184
Ms. Koyel Mitra	Internal Member	koyel.mitra@acegroupindia.com	9599665001
Mr. Mahender Kumar Tewatia	Internal Member	mahinder@acegroupindia.com	8826667738
Ms. Mitali Yadav	External Member	mitali@albalawoffices.com	9599988414

The Committee is responsible for:

- Investigating every formal written complaint of sexual harassment.
- Taking appropriate remedial measures to respond to any substantiated allegations of sexual harassment.
- Discouraging and preventing employment-related sexual harassment.

PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS:

- When an incident of sexual harassment occurs, the victim of such conduct can communicate their disapproval and objections immediately to the harasser and request the harasser to behave decently.
- If the harassment does not stop or if victim is not comfortable with addressing the harasser directly, the victim can bring their concern to the attention of the **Complaints Committee** in person for redressal of their grievances. Complaint can be filed with any member of the committee.
- The Committee will thereafter provide advice or extend support as requested and will undertake prompt investigation to resolve the matter.
- The complainant can also file a formal complaint in writing to the Presiding officer of the committee within 30 days of the occurrence of the sexual harassment.
- The Presiding Officer of the Committee after receipt of complaint, will proceed to determine whether the allegations made in the complaint fall under the purview of Sexual Harassment of women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 preferably within 30 days from receipt of the complaint.

- If the Presiding Officer of the Complaints Committee determines that the allegations constitute an offence of sexual harassment, she will proceed to investigate the allegation with the assistance of the Complaints Committee.
- Where the conduct of the accused amounts to an offence under the SHWW Act or any other law for the time being in force, then it shall be the responsibility of the presiding officer to take appropriate action and file complaint against him with the appropriate authority.
- The complaint committee shall take the decision within 30 days of the filing of the complaint by the complainant.
- If after investigation it is found that an offence has been committed under the SHWW Act, then the following actions shall be taken against the Accused:
 1. Change of work assignment / transfer for either the perpetrator or the victim.
 2. Suspension or termination of services of the Accused.
 3. Formal Apology with a monetary penalty as decided by the complaint committee and which can exceed to Rs 25,000 to be paid to the aggrieved woman.
 4. Deduction of such amount from the salary or wages of the respondent as deem appropriate to be paid to the aggrieved woman.
- In case the complaint is found to be false, the Complainant shall, if deemed fit, be liable for appropriate disciplinary action by the Management.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS:

The Company recognizes false accusations of Sexual Harassment or forgoing of evidence can have a serious effect on innocent persons. If the inquiry results in a finding that Aggrieved Employee lodging the Complaint knowingly and/or maliciously made false accusations of harassment and/or that any of the witnesses had knowingly made false statements or gave false evidence. Such Employee(s) will be subject to the possibility of termination as a consequence thereof.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

The Company understands that it is difficult for the victim to come forward with a complaint of sexual harassment and recognizes the victim's interest in keeping the matter confidential.

To protect the interests of the victim, the accused person and others who may report incidents of sexual harassment, confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigatory process to the extent practicable and appropriate under the circumstances.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Right to Information Act 2005, the contents of the complaint, the name and address of the aggrieved women, the name of the accused and the information relating to proceedings shall not be disclosed or published in any manner.

PROTECTION TO COMPLAINANT/VICTIM:

The Company is committed to ensuring that no employee who brings forward a harassment concern is subject to any form of reprisal. Any reprisal will be subject to disciplinary action.

The Company will ensure that the victim or witnesses are not victimized or discriminated against while dealing with complaints of sexual harassment.

However, anyone who abuses the procedure (for example, by maliciously putting an allegation knowing it to be untrue) will be subject to disciplinary action.

CONCLUSION:

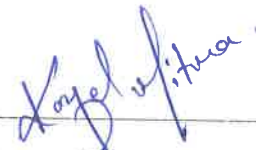
In conclusion, the Company reiterates its commitment to providing its employees, a workplace free from harassment/ discrimination and where every employee is treated with dignity and respect. The company also ascertains to display at every conspicuous place in the workplace, the penal consequences of sexual harassment.

DISCLAIMER

The provisions of this policy may change from time to time to be in line with the amendments under the SHWW Act 2013.



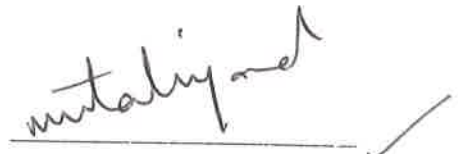
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