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'What Does a Respectful Workplace Look Like?

How to Manage Bullying and Harassment in the Workplace'



Positive Workplace Culture

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- Introduction to workplace culture
- What is unacceptable behaviour and bullying
- Case studies
- What the law says
- Responding to unacceptable behaviours
- Features of a positive culture



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Workplace Culture

- Respect
- Inclusiveness
- Effective leadership
- Constructive working relationships
- Good policies and procedures



Workplace Culture



Bystanders INTO Upstanders





Exercise – pair up

Who makes workplace culture?

What can you do?







Definitions – Bullying



Repeated and unreasonable behaviour towards a worker or group of workers that can lead to physical or mental harm.





What it's not...

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- One-off or occasional instances of forgetfulness, rudeness or tactlessness
- Setting high performance standards because of quality or safety
- Constructive feedback and legitimate advice or peer review Manager requiring reasonable verbal or written work instructions to be carried out
- Warning or disciplining employees in line with the workplace's code of conduct
- A single incident of unreasonable behaviour
- Reasonable management actions delivered in a reasonable way Differences in opinion or personality clashes that do not escalate into bullying, harassment or violence.





Harassment

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General harassment could include any unwanted and unjustified behaviour which another person finds offensive or humiliating and because it is serious or repeated it has a negative effect on the person's employment, job performance or job satisfaction.



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Case Studies



The Law

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- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- The Employment Relations Act 2000
- The Human Rights Act 1993
- The Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015
- Harassment Act 1997
- The Crimes Act 1961





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2019 Average 2018 Average Hurt & \$12,288 \$10,360 **Humiliation** Lost wages \$17,035* \$16,449* **Employer Legal** \$23,848** \$24,784 Costs **Contribution to** \$4,025 \$5,096 **Employee Legal** Costs \$57,196 \$56,688 Total



PG Cost to Lose

PG Cost to Win

	2019 Average	2018 Average
Employer Legal Costs	\$23,848**	\$24,784
Less employee contribution	\$4,267	\$5,369
Total	\$19,581	\$19,415



Trends in latest PG statistics



- Decisions in favour of employees has decreased slightly to 69%
 - Down from 73%
- Average hurt and humiliation has increased to \$12,288
 - Up from \$10,360 in 2018; \$8,711 in 2017; \$7,007 in 2016 and \$6,344 in 2015
- The total number of PG claims has decreased slightly to 214 claims
 - Down from 240 the previous year
- The most difficult PG to establish were misconduct-based
 - 51% success rate
- The easiest PG to establish were performance related
 - 75% success rate

Redundancy grievances also had a high success rate, with 67% of claims being successful and had the highest average H&H award at \$14,500



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"If you see inappropriate behaviour, make it stop. Why is that so hard for us to do?"

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