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New Hire Policy Acknowledgement

I hereby certify that I have received and reviewed the following Policy Statements:

_____ NSHE Policy Against Sexual Harassment and
Initial here Complaint Procedure (May 2003)

_____ Nevada Workplace Safety
Initial here

_____ Policy Statement Alcohol/Drug Free Workplace
Initial here

Name (print clearly): _____
First Name, MI, Last Name Date

Signature: _____

I acknowledge these policies as a condition of employment with the State of Nevada. I understand I can contact UNR Human Resources if I have any questions about these policies.

This form is to be returned with the employee's New Hire Documents to their department. The form will be retained in employee's file with UNR Human Resources. The attached policy information (listed above) should be retained by the employee for their records.

**NSHE POLICY AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT
AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURE
BOARD OF REGENTS HANDBOOK
Title 4, Chapter 8, Section 13**

A. Sexual Harassment is Illegal Under Federal and State Law.

The Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) is committed to providing a place of work and learning free of sexual harassment. Where sexual harassment is found to have occurred, the NSHE will act to stop the harassment, to prevent its recurrence, and to discipline those responsible in accordance with the NSHE Code or, in the case of classified employees, the Nevada Administrative Code. Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination; it is illegal.

No employee or student, either in the workplace or in the academic environment, should be subject to unwelcome verbal or physical conduct that is sexual in nature. Sexual harassment does not refer to occasional compliments of a socially acceptable nature. It refers to behavior of a sexual nature that is not welcome, that is personally offensive, and that interferes with performance.

It is expected that students, faculty and staff will treat one another with respect.

B. Policy Applicability and Sanctions.

All students, faculty, staff, and other members of the campus community are subject to this policy. Individuals who violate this policy are subject to discipline up to and including termination and/or expulsion, in accordance with the NSHE Code or, in the case of classified employees, the Nevada Administrative Code. Other, lesser sanctions may be imposed, depending on the circumstances.

This policy is not intended to and does not infringe upon academic freedom in teaching or research as established in the NSHE Code, Chapter 2.

C. Training.

All employees shall be given a copy of this policy and each institution's Human Resources Office shall maintain documentation that each employee received the policy. New employees shall be given a copy of this policy at the time of hire and each institution's Human Resources Office shall maintain documentation that each new employee received the policy.

Each institution shall include this policy and complaint procedure in its general catalog.

Each institution shall have an on-going sexual harassment training program for employees.

D. Sexual Harassment Defined.

Under this policy, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other visual, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or academic status;
2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for academic or employment decisions or evaluations, or permission to participate in an activity; or
3. The conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or work performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment in which to work or learn.

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Sexual harassment may take many forms—subtle and indirect, or blatant and overt. For example,

- It may occur between individuals of the opposite sex or of the same sex.
- It may occur between students, between peers and/or co-workers, or between individuals in an unequal power relationship.
- It may be aimed at coercing an individual to participate in an unwanted sexual relationship or it may have the effect of causing an individual to change behavior or work performance.
- It may consist of repeated actions or may even arise from a single incident if sufficiently severe.
- It may also rise to the level of a criminal offense, such as battery or sexual assault.

Determining what constitutes sexual harassment under this policy will be accomplished on a case by case basis and depends upon the specific facts and the context in which the conduct occurs. Some conduct may be inappropriate, unprofessional, and/or subject to disciplinary action, but would not fall under the definition of sexual harassment. The specific action taken, if any, in a particular instance depends on the nature and gravity of the conduct reported, and may include disciplinary processes as stated above.

Examples of unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that may constitute sexual harassment may, but do not necessarily, include, and are not limited to:

- Physical assault;
- Sexually explicit statements, comments, questions, jokes, innuendoes, anecdotes, or gestures;
- Unnecessary touching, patting, hugging, or brushing against a person's body or other inappropriate touching of an individual's body;
- Remarks of a sexual nature about a person's clothing or body;
- Use of electronic mail or computer dissemination of sexually oriented, sex-based communications;
- Sexual advances, whether or not they involve physical touching;
- Requests for sexual favors in exchange for actual or promised job or educational benefits, such as favorable reviews, salary increases, promotions, increased benefits, continued employment, grades, favorable assignments, letters of recommendation;
- Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, magazines, cartoons, or screen savers;
- Inquiries, remarks, or discussions about an individual's sexual experiences or activities and other written or oral references to sexual conduct.

Even one incident, if it is sufficiently serious, may constitute sexual harassment. One incident, however, does not usually constitute sexual harassment.

E. Procedure.

The Chancellor and each President shall designate no fewer than two administrators to receive complaints of alleged sexual harassment. The administrators designated to receive the complaints may include the following: (1) the Human Resources Officer at the institution; (2) the Affirmative Action Program Officer; or (3) any other officer designated by the president. If the Human Resources Officer or the Affirmative Action Program Officer or another officer designated by the president, is not the individual who initially receives the complaint of alleged sexual harassment, then the individual receiving the complaint must immediately forward the complaint to either the Human Resources Officer or the Affirmative Action Program Officer. (B/R 12/06)

An individual filing a complaint of alleged sexual harassment shall have the opportunity to select an independent advisor for assistance, support, and advice and shall be notified of this opportunity by the Human Resources Officer or the Affirmative Action Program Officer, or by their designee. It shall be the choice of the individual filing the complaint to utilize or not utilize the independent advisor. The independent advisor may be brought into the process at any time at the request of the alleged victim. The means and manner by which an independent advisor shall be made available shall be determined by each institution or unit.

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Supervisors' Responsibilities: Every supervisor has responsibility to take reasonable steps intended to prevent acts of sexual harassment, which include, but are not limited to:

- Monitoring the work and school environment for signs that harassment may be occurring;
- Refraining from participation in, or encouragement of actions that could be perceived as Harassment (verbal or otherwise);
- Stopping any observed acts that may be considered harassment, and taking appropriate steps to intervene, whether or not the involved individuals are within his/her line of supervision; and
- Taking immediate action to minimize or eliminate the work and/or school contact between the two individuals where there has been a complaint of harassment, pending investigation.

If a supervisor receives a complaint of alleged sexual harassment, or observes or becomes aware of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment, the supervisor must immediately contact one of the individuals identified above to forward the complaint, to discuss it and/or to report the action taken.

Failure to take the above action to prevent the occurrence of or stop known harassment may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Complaints of sexual harassment must be filed within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after the discovery of the alleged act of sexual harassment with the supervisor, department chair, dean, or one of the administrators listed above and/or designated by the president to receive complaints of alleged sexual harassment. Complaints of prohibited conduct, including sexual harassment, filed with an institution's administrative officer pursuant to NSHE Code Chapter 6, Section 6.8.1, are not subject to this 180 day filing requirement.

1. Employees.

- a. An employee who believes that he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment by anyone is encouraged—but it is neither necessary nor required—to promptly tell the person that the conduct is unwelcome and ask the person to stop the conduct. A person who receives such a request must immediately comply with it and must not retaliate against the employee for rejecting the conduct.
- b. The employee may also choose to file a complaint with his or her immediate supervisor, who will in turn immediately contact one of the officials listed above.
- c. If the employee feels uncomfortable about discussing the incident with the immediate supervisor, the employee should feel free to bypass the supervisor and file a complaint with one of the other listed officials or with any other supervisor.
- d. After receiving any employee's complaint of an incident of alleged sexual harassment, whether or not the complaint is in writing, the supervisor will immediately contact any of the individuals listed above to forward the complaint, to discuss it and/or to report the action taken. The supervisor has a responsibility to act even if the individuals involved are not supervised by that supervisor.

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2. Students.

- a. A student who believes that he or she has been subjected to sexual harassment by anyone is encouraged—but it is neither necessary nor required—to promptly tell the person that the conduct is unwelcome and ask the person to stop the conduct. A person who receives such a request must immediately comply with it and must not retaliate against the student for rejecting the conduct.
- b. The student may also choose to file a complaint with his or her major department chair, who will in turn immediately contact one of the officials listed above.
- c. If the student feels uncomfortable about discussing the incident with the department chair, the student should feel free to bypass the chair and file a complaint with one of the above officials or to any chair or dean, who will in turn immediately contact one of the officials listed above to forward the complaint, whether or not the complaint is in writing, to discuss it and/or to report the action taken. The chair or dean has a responsibility to act even if the individuals are not supervised by that chair or dean.

3. Non-Employees and Non-Students.

Individuals who are neither NSHE employees nor NSHE students and who believe they have been subjected to sexual harassment by a NSHE employee during the employee's work hours or by a NSHE student on campus or at a NSHE-sponsored event may utilize any of the complaint processes set forth above in this section.

4. Investigation and Resolution.

- a. After receiving a complaint of the incident or behavior, an investigation by one of the above listed officials will be initiated to gather information about the incident. Each institution may set guidelines for the manner in which an investigation shall be conducted.
- b. At the completion of the investigation, a recommendation will be made to the appropriate management regarding the resolution of the matter. The recommendation is advisory only.
- c. After the recommendation has been made, a determination will be made by appropriate management regarding the resolution of the matter. If warranted, disciplinary action up to and including involuntary termination or expulsion will be taken. Any such disciplinary action shall be taken in accordance with NSHE Code Chapter 6, or, in the case of classified employees, NAC Chapter 284. Other appropriate actions will be taken to correct problems, if any, caused by or contributing to the conduct. If proceedings are initiated under Chapter 6, the investigation conducted pursuant to this policy may be used as the Chapter 6 investigation. The administrative officer, in his or her discretion, may also supplement the sexual harassment investigation with additional investigation.
- d. After the appropriate management has made a determination regarding the resolution of the matter, and depending on the circumstances, both parties may be informed of the resolution. Certain actions made confidential under NSHE Code Chapters 5 and 6 or NAC Chapter 284 shall remain confidential.

F. Prompt Attention.

Complaints of sexual harassment are taken seriously and will be dealt with promptly. Where sexual harassment is found to have occurred, the NSHE institution or unit where it occurred will act to stop the harassment, to prevent its recurrence, and to discipline those responsible.

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G. Confidentiality.

The NSHE recognizes that confidentiality is important. However, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. The administrators, faculty or staff responsible for implementing this policy will respect the privacy of individuals reporting or accused of sexual harassment to the extent reasonably possible and will maintain confidentiality to the extent possible. Examples of situations where confidentiality cannot be maintained include, but are not limited to, necessary disclosures during an investigation, circumstances where the NSHE is required by law to disclose information (such as in response to legal process), or when an individual is in harm's way.

H. Retaliation

Retaliation against an individual who in good faith complains of alleged sexual harassment or provides information in an investigation about behavior that may violate this policy is against the law, will not be tolerated, and may be grounds for discipline. Retaliation in violation of this policy may result in discipline up to and including termination and/or expulsion. Any employee or student bringing a sexual harassment complaint or assisting in the investigation of such a complaint will not be adversely affected in terms and conditions of employment and/or academic standing, nor discriminated against, terminated, or expelled because of the complaint. Intentionally providing false information is also grounds for discipline.

“Retaliation” may include, but is not limited to, such conduct as:

- the denial of adequate personnel to perform duties;
- frequent replacement of members of the staff;
- frequent and undesirable changes in the location of an office;
- the refusal to assign meaningful work;
- unwarranted disciplinary action;
- unfair work performance evaluations;
- a reduction in pay;
- the denial of a promotion;
- a dismissal;
- a transfer;
- frequent changes in working hours or workdays;
- an unfair grade;
- an unfavorable reference letter.

I. Relationship to Freedom of Expression.

The NSHE is committed to the principles of free inquiry and free expression. Vigorous discussion and debate are fundamental rights and this policy is not intended to stifle teaching methods or freedom of expression. Sexual harassment, however, is neither legally protected expression nor the proper exercise of academic freedom; it compromises the integrity of institutions, the tradition of intellectual freedom and the trust placed in the institutions by their members.



Stop and Learn Your Rights and Responsibilities



The Division of Industrial Relations of the Nevada Department of Business & Industry helps employers provide a safe and healthful workplace. This document explains the rights and responsibilities of both employers and employees in creating a safe working environment.

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act was created to allow you to do your job in a safe and healthy workplace. But it is up to you to make sure that job safety works. Here are some tips to help you stay safe on the job.

Know and follow all safety rules set by:

- Your employer
- The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act
- The Division of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section

You can get copies of all Nevada safety and health standards from the Safety Consultation and Training Section of the Division of Industrial Relations or on the web at www.4safenv.state.nv.us. Also, your employer may be required to have a written workplace safety program.



If your employer requires personal protective equipment, such as hard hats, safety shoes, safety glasses, respirators, or ear protection, you are responsible to wear and/or use the equipment.

If you do not know how to safely use tools, equipment or machinery, be sure to ask your supervisor. If you see something that's unsafe, report it to your supervisor.

That's part of your job. Give your employer a chance to fix the problem. If you think the unsafe condition still exists, it is your right to file a complaint with the Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section of the Division of Industrial Relations. The Division will not give your name to your employer.



There are laws that protect you if you are punished for filing a safety and health complaint. If you feel you have been treated unfairly for making a safety and health complaint, you have 30 days from the date of the punishment to file a discrimination complaint with the Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section of the Division of Industrial Relations. Most on-the-job injuries are covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance - from cuts and bruises to serious accidents. Coverage begins the first minute you're on the job. It is your responsibility to report any on-the-job Injury immediately.

Your employer must file an "Employer's Report of Injury" (C-3 Form) within six working days after the receipt of a "Claim for Compensation" (C-4 Form) from a physician or chiropractor.

Remember, it is fraud to file an industrial insurance claim if you are not injured on the job. Filing a false claim will result not only in a loss of benefits, but could mean costly fines and/or jail time.

Any employee who does not understand this document should contact his or her supervisor, employment representative or the Division of Industrial Relations of the Nevada Department of Business & Industry.

Las Vegas: (702) 486-9140 Reno: (775) 824-4630 Elko: (775) 778-3312 Toll Free: (877) 4SAFENV

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The Safety Consultation and Training Section of the Division of Industrial Relations, Nevada Department of Business & Industry, was created to assist employers in complying with Nevada laws which govern occupational safety and health.

A Nevada employer with 11 or more employees must establish a written workplace safety program. If you have more than 25 employees or if an employer's employees are engaged in the manufacture of explosives, the establishment of a safety committee is also required. The Safety Consultation and Training Section of the Division of Industrial Relations is available to provide a workplace hazard assessment. This service can assist employers in minimizing on-the-job hazards, and is provided at **no charge**. The Division also offers no cost safety training and informational programs for Nevada employers.



You must maintain a workplace that is free from unsafe conditions. As an employer you are responsible for complying with all Nevada safety and health standards and regulations found in:

- The Nevada Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the
- Occupational Safety and Health Standards and Regulations.

Copies of all occupational safety and health standards and regulations are available from the Division of Industrial Relations (Safety Consultation and Training Section and the Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section) or on the web at www.4safenv.state.nv.us.

You are also responsible for ensuring that your employees comply with these same rules, standards and regulations. You must select someone to administer and enforce occupational safety and health programs in your workplace. Before assigning an employee to a job, you must provide proper training in:

- Safe use of equipment and machinery
- Personal protective gear
- Hazard recognition
- Emergency procedures

You must also inform all employees of the safety rules, regulations and standards which apply to their respective duties. It is your responsibility to maintain accurate accident, injury and safety records and reports. These files must be made available, upon request, to the affected employee and representatives of the Division of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section. The Nevada Safety and Health Poster, provided by the Division of Industrial Relations, must be posted in a prominent place on the job site.

Report immediately to the Division of Industrial Relations (Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section) all job-related fatalities, as well as those accidents where three or more employees require hospitalization. Employers must acquire and maintain Workers' Compensation Insurance at all times. You are responsible for filing any workers' compensation claims with your employer.

The law requires that employers shall provide newly-hired employees with a copy of this document or with a video setting forth the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees to promote safety in the workplace.

Employers shall keep a signed copy of the attached receipt in the employee's personnel file to show he or she has been made aware of these rights and responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you require further information or would like to obtain copies of safety and health standards and regulations, contact the following:

State of Nevada Department of Business & Industry Division of Industrial Relations Safety Consultation and Training Section

In Northern/Central Nevada
4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite E-144
Reno, NV 89502
775--824-4630
FAX: 775-688--1478

In Southern Nevada
1301 N. Green Valley Pkwy., Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89074
702-486-9140
FAX: 702-990-0362

In Northeastern Nevada Or Call, Toll-Free
350 W. Silver Street, Suite 210 1-877-4SAFENV
Elko, NV 89801 (1-877-472-3368)
775-778-3312 www.4safenv.state.nv.us
FAX: 775-778-3412

State of Nevada Department of Business & Industry Division of Industrial Relations Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section

In Northern Nevada
4600 Kietzke Lane,
Suite F-153
Reno, NV 89502
775-824-4600
FAX: 775-688-1378

In Southern Nevada
1301 N. Green Valley Pkwy.,
Suite 200
Henderson, NV 89074
702-486-9020
FAX: 702-990-0358

A video of this information is available in English and Spanish through the Division of Industrial Relations, Safety Consultation and Training Section.

This document may be copied. For additional copies, contact the Division of Industrial Relations or visit www.4safenv.state.nv.us.



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POLICY STATEMENT: ALCOHOL/DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

Alcohol and drug abuse and the use of alcohol and drugs in the workplace are issues of concern to the State of Nevada and the University of Nevada, Reno. It is the policy of this State and the University to ensure that its employees do not: report for work in an impaired condition resulting from the use of alcohol or drugs; consume alcohol while on duty; or unlawfully possess or consume any drugs while on duty, at a work site or on State property. Any employee who violates this policy is subject to disciplinary action. The specifics of the policy follow:

1. As provided by statute, any State and/or University employee who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on duty or who applies for a position approved by the Personnel Commission as affecting public safety is subject to a screening test for alcohol, drugs, or both.
2. Emphasis will be on rehabilitation and referral to an employee assistance program when an employee is under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on duty. The appointing authority shall, however, take into consideration the circumstances and actions of the employee in determining appropriate disciplinary action.
 - The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides help to university employees and their families with an alcohol and/or drug problem. This help is available by calling (800) 873-2243 statewide or (702) 364-1484 in the Las Vegas area. This assistance is provided by off-campus agencies and is completely confidential. Administrative leave may be granted for two visits to the agency. Staff at the EAP are trained to evaluate and refer individuals to the appropriate educational and support groups, or more structured and organized chemical dependency treatment programs.
 - All of the health insurance plans include coverage for treatment programs. Coverage differs so please contact your health care provider to find out what benefits are specific to your plan.
 - Faculty and staff can refer students to receive help through the University Substance Abuse Program in the Thompson Student Services building, room 202, 784-4648. Programs are available for training university personnel in recognition of alcohol and drug abuse behaviors and in referral and intervention strategies.
3. Any State employee who is convicted of violating a federal or state law prohibiting the sale of a controlled substance must be terminated as required by NRS 193.105, regardless of where the incident occurred.
4. Any State employee who is convicted of driving under the influence in violation of NRS 484.379 or of any other offense for which driving under the influence is an element of the offense is subject to discipline up to and including termination if the offense occurred while he was driving a State vehicle or a privately owned vehicle on State business.
5. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance in the workplace is prohibited. Any State employee who is convicted of unlawfully giving or transferring a controlled substance to another person or who is convicted of unlawfully manufacturing or using a controlled substance while on duty or on the premises of a State agency will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.
6. The term, "controlled substance" means any drug defined as such under the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 453.146. Many of these drugs have a high potential for abuse. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, heroin, marijuana, cocaine, PCP, and "crack". They also include "legal drugs" which are not prescribed by a licensed physician. The University willingly complies with the Omnibus Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (the "Drug Free Workplace" Act) and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act as amended in 1989.
7. Each State employee is required to inform his or her employer in writing within five days after he or she is convicted for violation of any federal or state criminal drug statute when such violation occurred while on duty or on the employer's premises.
8. Any agency receiving a federal contract or grant must notify the federal agency which authorized the contract or grant within ten days after receiving notice that an employee of the agency was convicted within the meaning used in paragraph 7, above.

This policy is applicable to all classified and unclassified employees of agencies in State government. Specific federal guidelines, statutory provisions and regulations applicable to this policy are set down in the Drug Free Workplace Act and Chapter 284 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code.

The policy does not restrict agencies, such as the University, from augmenting the provisions of this policy with additional policies and procedures which are necessary to carry out the regulatory requirements of the Drug Free Workplace Act.

In accordance with the *Governor's Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Policy* and the *University of Nevada Reno's Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Policy*, all new employees must receive a copy of this policy. They are required to sign a form acknowledging receipt of the policy for inclusion in their personnel file. A copy of the Governor's Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace Policy should be posted at the employee's worksite.