

## **Sexual and Other Discriminatory Harassment**

**Statement** 

The Company, as well as its subsidiaries, affiliates and related companies recognizes that employees should be able to work in an environment free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including sexual harassment and other types of discriminatory harassment.

**Policy** 

It is the policy of the Company that sexual harassment and other discriminatory harassment on the basis of race (including discrimination based on hairstyle or texture), religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding/lactation, reproductive decision-making, or a related medical condition), gender (including gender identity, gender expression, and gender stereotyping), national origin, age, familial or marital/partnership status, ancestry, citizenship, genetic information, sexual orientation, veteran or military status disability (including physical and mental disability), medical condition (including cancer), genetic characteristics, or other factors prohibited by state and local laws will not be tolerated. The Company complies with all applicable federal, state, and/or local sexual and discriminatory harassment laws, regulations and ordinances.

The prohibition against harassment applies in all work-related settings and activities, whether on or off Company premises. This policy also applies to contractors, customers, clients, vendors, and volunteers. If such conduct occurs, prompt and appropriate corrective action, including the issuance of discipline up to and including termination, may be taken. Senior Management of BNY Mellon is committed to ensuring that this policy is followed at all levels of the organization.

Sexual Harassment Definition Sexual harassment is defined as any intentional or unintentional unwelcome sexual advances, with or without touching; coerced sexual acts; requests or demands for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature made by an employee, customer, client or vendor when:

- submission or rejection to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of employment,
- submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the individual, or
- such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or offensive work environment.

Discriminatory Harassment Definition Discriminatory harassment is defined as verbal or physical conduct that denigrates or shows hostility on the basis of race (including discrimination based on hairstyle or texture), religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding/lactation, reproductive decision-making, or a related medical condition), gender (including gender identity, gender expression and gender stereotyping), national origin, age, familial or marital/partnership status, ancestry, citizenship, genetic information, sexual orientation, veteran or military status, disability (including physical and mental disability), medical condition (including cancer), genetic characteristics or other factors prohibited by applicable federal, state and/or local laws when such conduct has the purpose to effect of unreasonably interfering with an employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or offensive environment.

**Complaints** 

Any employee who believes there has been a violation of this policy, whether or not he/she is the perceived victim, should promptly present the complaint verbally or in writing to a level of management or member of Human Resources with whom the employee feels comfortable. A prompt impartial investigation will be conducted by a qualified individual and, if appropriate, corrective action will be taken. Refer to the full policies posted on the BNY Mellon Intranet site for further information.

Protection from Retaliation

Employees or applicants who in good faith allege or report policy violations or who cooperate in an investigation shall not be subjected to reprisal, recrimination, retaliation or the threat of such action.

Questions

This is a summary of the policy. For detailed information, refer to the full policy posted on the BNY Mellon Intranet site. Alternatively, employees may contact Human Resources through the MyHR portal at <a href="https://mysource2.bnymellon.net/hris/myhr-help">https://mysource2.bnymellon.net/hris/myhr-help</a>.