

Equal Opportunities Policy

Statement of Policy

Lawmens Limited is committed to encouraging equality and diversity among our workforce, and eliminating unlawful discrimination.

The aim is for our workforce to be truly representative of all sections of society and our customers, and for each employee to feel respected and able to give their best.

The organisation - in providing services and/or facilities - is also committed against unlawful discrimination of customers or the public.

The policy's purpose is to:

- Provide equality, fairness and respect for all in our employment, whether temporary, part-time or full-time.
- Not unlawfully discriminate because of the Equality Act 2010 protected characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race (including colour, nationality, and ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sex (gender) and sexual orientation
- Oppose and avoid all forms of unlawful discrimination. This includes in pay and benefits, terms and conditions of employment, dealing with grievances and discipline, dismissal, redundancy, leave for parents, requests for flexible working, and selection for employment, promotion, training or other developmental opportunities

The organisation commits to:

- Encourage equality and diversity in the workplace as they are good practice and make business sense
- Create a working environment free of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination, promoting dignity and respect for all, and where individual differences and the contributions of all staff are recognised and valued
- This commitment includes training managers and all other employees about their rights and responsibilities under the equality policy. Responsibilities include staff conducting themselves to help the organisation provide equal opportunities in employment, and prevent bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination
- All staff should understand they, as well as their employer, can be held liable for acts of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination, in the course of their employment, against fellow employees, customers, suppliers and the public

- Take seriously complaints of bullying, harassment, victimisation and unlawful discrimination by fellow employees, customers, suppliers, visitors, the public and any others in the course of the organisation's work activities

Such acts will be dealt with as misconduct under the organisation's grievance and/or disciplinary procedures, and any appropriate action will be taken. Particularly serious complaints could amount to gross misconduct and lead to dismissal without notice.

Further, sexual harassment may amount to both an employment rights matter and a criminal matter, such as in sexual assault allegations. In addition, harassment under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 – which is not limited to circumstances where harassment relates to a protected characteristic – is a criminal offence.

- Make opportunities for training, development and progress available to all staff, who will be helped and encouraged to develop their full potential, so their talents and resources can be fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.
- Decisions concerning staff being based on merit (apart from in any necessary and limited exemptions and exceptions allowed under the Equality Act).
- Review employment practices and procedures when necessary to ensure fairness, and also update them and the policy to take account of changes in the law.
- Monitor the make-up of the workforce regarding information such as age, gender, ethnic background, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and disability in encouraging equality and diversity, and in meeting the aims and commitments set out in the equality policy.

Monitoring will also include assessing how the equality policy, and any sporting action plan, are working in practice, reviewing them annually, and considering and taking action to address any issues

The equality policy is fully supported by company Directors and all employees of the business.

Details of the organisation's grievance and disciplinary policies and procedures can be found within the Company Policy Book. This includes with whom an employee should raise a grievance.

Harassment & Bullying

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Lawmens limited is committed to encouraging and maintaining good employee relations within the working environment. Every employee has the responsibility of ensuring good working relationships are maintained between all stake holders of the business, such as co-workers, 3rd party contractors, clients and agencies. No one within the Company should use words or deeds that may harm the wellbeing of others, as well as being subjected to the latter themselves. Everyone has the right to be treated with fairness, consideration, respect and dignity. This contributes to a workplace which an individual can feel safe and can work competently and confidently.

Lawmen's policy applies to all staff working within the organisation and to all employees working off the occupied premises. It extends to those working directly for the Company to contractors and other working staff. Furthermore, the policy covers the behaviour of staff outside of working hours which may have an impact upon work or working relationships.

The Company has a 'zero tolerance' policy, and will investigate thoroughly any allegations of bullying or harassment, regardless of whether the matter has been raised formally or informally. Cases of harassment and bullying will be treated with respect and will follow the misconduct procedures at all times.