

# ANTI-HARASSMENT & ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Wesley Clover Parks is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination and harassment, where all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. In pursuit of this goal, Wesley Clover Parks does not condone and will not tolerate acts of violence, harassment, or bullying against our team members or visitors. Similarly, weapons are strictly prohibited from the company's premises; violators will be escorted off the premises, and the incident will be reported to the police.

Under the Ontario Human Rights Code, every person has the right to be free from harassment and discrimination. Harassment and discrimination will not be tolerated, condoned or ignored at Wesley Clover Parks. If a claim of harassment or discrimination is proven, violators will be asked to leave immediately.

## Wesley Clover Parks is committed to a comprehensive strategy to address harassment and discrimination, including:

- Providing training and education to make sure everyone knows their rights and responsibilities
- Regularly monitoring organizational systems for barriers relating to Code grounds
- Providing an effective and fair complaints procedure
- Promoting appropriate standards of conduct at all times.

## This policy prohibits discrimination or harassment based on the following grounds, and any combination of these grounds:

- Age
- Creed (religion)
- Sex (including pregnancy and breastfeeding)
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity
- Gender expression
- Family status (such as being in a parent-child relationship)
- Marital status (including married, single, widowed, divorced, separated or living in a conjugal relationship outside of marriage, whether in a same-sex or opposite-sex relationship)
- Disability (including mental, physical, developmental or learning disabilities)

- Race
- Ancestry
- Place of origin
- Ethnic origin
- Citizenship
- Colour
- Record of offences (criminal conviction for a provincial offence, or for an offence for which a pardon has been received)
- Association or relationship with a person identified by one of the above grounds Perception that one of the above grounds applies.

### The following behaviour is prohibited:

Discrimination: means any form of unequal treatment based on a Code ground, whether imposing extra burdens or denying benefits. It may be intentional or unintentional. It may involve direct actions that are discriminatory on their face, or it may involve rules, practices or procedures that appear neutral, but disadvantage certain groups of people. Discrimination may take obvious forms, or it may happen in very subtle ways. Even if there are many factors affecting a decision or action, if discrimination is one factor, that is a violation of this policy.





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Harassment: means a course of comments or actions that are known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be unwelcome. It can involve words or actions that are known or should be known to be offensive, embarrassing, humiliating, demeaning or unwelcome, based on a ground of discrimination identified by this policy. Harassment can occur based on any of the grounds of discrimination.

### Examples of harassment include:

- Epithets, remarks, jokes or innuendos related to a person's race, gender identity, gender expression, sex, disability, sexual orientation, creed, age, or any other ground
- Posting or circulating offensive pictures, graffiti or materials, whether in print form or via email or other electronic means
- Singling out a person for humiliating or demeaning "teasing" or jokes because they are a member of a Code-protected group
- Comments ridiculing a person because of characteristics that are related to a ground of discrimination. For example, this could include comments about a person's dress, speech or other practices that may be related to their sex, race, gender identity or creed.

#### Sexual and gender-based harassment: sexual harassment is a form of harassment that can include:

- Gender-related comments about a person's physical characteristics or mannerisms
- Paternalism based on gender which a person feels undermines his or her self-respect or position of responsibility
- Unwelcome physical contact
- Suggestive or offensive remarks or innuendoes about members of a specific gender
- Propositions of physical intimacy
- Gender-related verbal abuse, threats or taunting
- Leering or inappropriate staring
- Bragging about sexual prowess or questions or discussions about sexual activities
- Offensive jokes or comments of a sexual nature about an employee or client
- Rough and vulgar humour or language related to gender
- Display of sexually offensive pictures, graffiti or other materials including through electronic means
- Demands for dates or sexual favours.

All persons present at Wesley Clover Parks are expected to uphold and abide by this policy, by refraining from any form of harassment or discrimination, and by cooperating fully in any investigation of a harassment or discrimination complaint.

Wesley Clover Parks team members have the additional responsibility to act immediately on observations or allegations of harassment or discrimination. Wesley Clover Parks team members are responsible for creating and maintaining a harassment- and discrimination-free organization, and are committed to addressing potential problems before they become serious. Persons receiving complaints will, to the extent possible, protect the confidentiality and privacy of persons involved in a complaint, subject to the requirements of a fair investigation and resolution process.

