

K. Responsibilities of Supervisors or Management.

1. Any supervisor or manager who receives a complaint or witnesses any conduct regarding discrimination or harassment must immediately report it to the Human Resources Department. If it is not possible to make an immediate report to the Human Resources Department, or if the complaint involves the Human Resources Director, then the complaint should be immediately reported to the CAO. Failure to report discrimination or harassment may result in disciplinary action.
2. No supervisor, manager, officer, or any other person in the County with management authority may retaliate against any employee because that person has opposed a practice prohibited by this policy or has filed a complaint, testified, assisted or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by an authorized investigator.
3. All supervisors and managers are required to maintain confidentiality to the extent possible in communicating or investigating any claims of alleged discriminatory harassment.

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Investigative and Corrective Action for Complaints of Discrimination and/or Discriminatory Harassment

- A. The Human Resources Department will authorize or conduct an investigation of the complaint of discrimination or discriminatory harassment. The investigation will be conducted in a manner that ensures, to the extent feasible, the privacy of the parties involved.
- B. The person designated to investigate shall immediately report in writing the findings of fact to the Human Resources Director. The Human Resources Director, in consultation with the CAO and County Counsel, will determine whether these rules have been violated and communicate the conclusion to the complainant.
- C. Disciplinary action shall be decided in accordance with County policy and after consultation with the Human Resources Director and County Counsel.
- D. If the complaint is against the Human Resources Manager, the investigation will be conducted or supervised by the CAO.

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Anti-Violence in the Workplace Policy

- A. Policy. The County has a Zero Tolerance for workplace violence. The policy of the County is to prohibit acts or verbal and/or non-verbal threats of physical violence in the workplace, including intimidation, harassment, and/or coercion, by or to County employees, visitors, fellow employees or by relatives of fellow employees.
- B. Zero Tolerance Standard. The following sets forth examples of prohibited conduct:
 1. Violent conduct or threats of violence, implied, actual, direct, or indirect to any employee.

2. Possession of offensive or defensive weapons (firearms, illegal knives, clubs, mace, pepper spray, tear gas, etc.), unless specifically required or authorized by the Sheriff or CAO.
 3. Hitting or shoving an individual, and any physical touching in an intimidating, threatening or dominating manner.
 4. Threatening an individual or family member, friends, associates, or citizens.
 5. Making harassing or threatening phone calls.
 6. Engaging in harassing surveillance or stalking.
 7. Making a suggestion or threat that violence will occur.
 8. Conduct that creates a physically hostile, abusive, or intimidating work environment for one or more County employees.
- C. **Reporting Conduct.** Employees should immediately report violent behavior at any County location or at any location where the County conducts business to the Department Head for monitoring and assessment and call 911 if immediate law enforcement and or emergency response is necessary. The Department Head shall relay all reported or otherwise known incidents to the CAO or his/her designee. The CAO or designee may, in his/her discretion, take immediate steps to provide safety to the reporting person or other person(s) based on his/her assessment of the situation.
- D. **Discipline.** All County employees who engage in violence, direct, indirect, threatened, or actual, against co-workers or any other person related to County business or on County premises may be subject to legal action by law enforcement authorities as well as disciplinary action by the County, up to and including termination of employment.
- E. **Action Plan.** The CAO or his/her designee and Department Head will assess reported incidents and may take the following action(s) where appropriate:
1. Take steps to have any physically threatening or violent person, employee or member of the public leave or be removed from the worksite.
 2. Place an employee alleged to have made serious violent threats or engaged in other violent behavior on paid or unpaid leave pending the outcome of an investigation.
- F. **Investigation.** Threats of violent behavior and acts of violent behavior, implied, actual, direct, or indirect, are to be investigated promptly and reported to the CAO or his/her designee. Such incidents should be documented and filed with the CAO or his/her designee and thereafter investigated in accordance with the CAO's direction. Such documentation should include a narrative of the incident including names and other appropriate identification of the parties involved, verbal comments made or description of the violent behavior, witness names, and witnesses' statements. The County shall cooperate and coordinate with any investigation being conducted by law enforcement.

G. Procedures. Procedures for investigating incidents of workplace violence, including threats of violence and physical injury, shall include the following, and may be subject to any additional policy adopted by the CAO or Board of Supervisors:

1. Go to the scene of an incident. Immediately separate the participants.
2. Interview threatened or injured employees and witnesses.
3. Consider taking corrective action to prevent incidents of this kind from recurring.
4. Contact CAO and inform of threats of violence immediately upon knowledge of threats.
5. Document findings.
6. Determine the cause of the incident.
7. Examine the workplace for security risk factors associated with the incident after release of the scene by law enforcement personnel if the incident involves injuries or death.
8. Take whatever additional action is necessary under the circumstances to handle and investigate workplace violence complaints and/or incident.

I. Guidelines for Immediate Response. Any response to an incident involving an assault resulting in injury or death should be limited in scope. The individual on scene who observes the incident should limit their activities to the following:

1. Dial 911 for medical and law enforcement assistance.
2. Render comfort and minor first aid to any injured victims.
3. Immediately notify the Department Head, Sheriff, and CAO
4. Separate the participants and make an attempt to identify and document all potential witnesses to the event.

The first manager or supervisor responding to the incident should ensure that the above actions have been initiated.

440 **Improper Political Activity**

No one employed by the County will engage in political activities on County premises while engaged in official duties, using County equipment, or wearing an official County uniform. Political activity is that activity defined under the California Government Code.

450 **Outside Employment/Restrictions**

No officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity or enterprise which is inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with the duties or responsibilities of said officer or

employee as they relate to employment with the County of Mono, or with the duties, functions, or responsibilities of employee's appointing authority or of the County, except as specified herein.

- A. Prohibited Outside Employment. An officer's or employee's outside employment, activity, or enterprise shall be prohibited if it:
1. Involves the use for private gain or advantage of the County's time, facilities, equipment and supplies; or the badge, uniform, prestige or influence or his/her County office or employment; or
 2. Involves receipt or acceptance by the officer or employee of any money or other consideration from anyone other than the County for the performance of an act which the officer or employee, if not performing such act, would be required or expected to render in the normal course or hours of his/her County employment or as a part of his/her duties as a County officer or employee; or
 3. Involves the performance of an act in other than his/her capacity as a County officer or an employee which act may be subject directly or indirectly to the control, inspection, review, audit or enforcement of any other officer or employee; or
 4. Involves such time demands as should render performance of his/her duties as an officer or employee less efficient.
- B. When Outside Employment May Be Allowed. An officer's or employee's outside employment, activity or enterprise would not be deemed inconsistent, incompatible, in conflict with, or inimical to, the duties of the officer or employee, if the officer or employee, prior to engaging to any such employment, activity or enterprise makes a complete written disclosure to the Department Head or the appointing authority of all of the functions, duties and responsibilities required of said officer or employee by such employment, activity or enterprise, and receives written consent to engage in such employment, activity or enterprise from the Department Head, if an employee, or the Board, if an officer. A Department Head and/or the CAO may adopt a form for use in evaluating a permitting outside employment.

460 Drug and Alcohol Policy

- A. County Requirements. The County requires that any officer or employee:
1. Not report to work or be subject to being called to duty while his or her ability to perform job duties is impaired due to on or off duty alcohol or drug use. Not report to work if the effects of substance use (odor, appearance, etc.) are noticeable to the public.
 2. Not possess or use alcohol or impairing drugs, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs without a prescription, during working hours, while on County property, while using or operating County equipment or vehicles, or while subject to being called to duty, on breaks, or during meal periods.

3. Not directly or through third parties sell or provide drugs or alcohol to any person, including any employee, while either or both employees are on duty or subject to being called to duty.
 4. Notify his or her supervisor, before beginning work, when taking medications or drugs, prescription or non-prescription, which may interfere with the safe and effective performance of duties or operation of County equipment.
 5. Provide, within 24 hours of request, bona fide verification of current valid prescription for any potential impairing drug or medication identified. The prescription must be in the employee's name. A medical marijuana prescription/license is not deemed a valid prescription for employment purposes.
 6. Notify the Human Resources Director and Department Head of any criminal drug conviction for a violation not later than five days after conviction.
- B. Special Restrictions. Special restrictions and/or policies applicable to Department of Transportation regulated or sensitive safety positions are incorporated herein by this reference, and will be enforced together with, and in addition to, the provisions of this section. Departments receiving federal funding may be subject to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.
- C. Discipline For Violations. Violation of any of the above can result in discipline up to and including termination, and may include the employee's participation in, and completion of, a drug or alcohol treatment program. The decision to discipline or discharge will be carried out in conformance with the disciplinary procedures set forth in these rules and in conformance with state and federal leave and disability laws.
- D. Search of Property. The County reserves the right to search, without employee consent, all areas and properties in the County over which the County maintains control or joint control with the employee.
- E. Pre-employment screening. The County will maintain post-offer, pre-employment screening practices regarding drugs and alcohol. All offers of employment extended by the County shall be contingent upon the applicant submitting to and passing a fitness for duty examination which may include testing for use of drugs and alcohol for designated positions. Applicants who refuse to sign a consent form permitting testing or the release of test results to the County will not be hired/rehired.
- F. Management Responsibilities and Guidelines. Managers and supervisors are responsible for reasonable enforcement of this drug and alcohol policy. Managers and supervisors shall direct that an employee submit to a drug and/or alcohol test when a manager or supervisor has a reasonable suspicion that an employee is intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol while on the job or subject to being called to work.
1. Reasonable suspicion is a belief based on objective facts sufficient to lead a reasonably prudent supervisor to suspect that an employee is under the influence of drugs or alcohol so that the employee's ability to perform the functions of the job is impaired or so that the employee's ability to perform his/her job safely is reduced.