

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance

FIND is committed to providing equal employment opportunities for all qualified individuals with disabilities in accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable State disability laws. In accordance with these laws, FIND strictly forbids all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, or retaliation against qualified applicants or employees with disabilities, and for pregnant employees who so request for pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, and requires reasonable accommodation if necessary for such individuals to perform the essential functions of their jobs safely and efficiently without undue hardship to FIND and without serious risk to the health and safety of others.

Applicants and employees who require accommodation of any disability should inform FIND of their needs. FIND may have no way of knowing whether an individual requires an accommodation unless he or she brings it to the attention of FIND. FIND will engage in an interactive conversation to determine if there is a reasonable accommodation that can be provided that will not cause FIND undue hardship and will treat all such information as confidential to protect privacy rights under laws such as HIPAA, but some disclosure will be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this policy.

Employees who are made aware that an applicant or employee has a disability should presume that the information is confidential and discuss it only with upper management and Human Resources, unless the employee has disclosed or consented to further disclosure.

Discrimination, harassment, or retaliation against an individual because he or she is considered disabled or has been given accommodation for a disability is absolutely forbidden and grounds for immediate termination. Employees who believe they have been harassed in violation of this policy may file a complaint under FIND's policy on Equal Employment Opportunity.

Policy Against Harassment and Discrimination

I. Purpose of Policy

FIND is committed to providing a workplace free of unlawful harassment and discrimination. This includes sexual harassment (which includes harassment based on pregnancy, perceived pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions) and harassment based on gender, gender identity (including transgender identity and transitioning), gender expression and sex stereotyping, as well as harassment based on such factors as race, color, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and religious grooming), national origin, ancestry, citizenship, age, physical or mental disability, legally-protected medical condition or information (including genetic information), family care or medical leave status, military caregiver status, military status, veteran status, marital status, domestic partner status, sexual orientation, status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, enrollment in a public assistance program, engaging in protected communications regarding employee wages, requesting a reasonable accommodation on the basis of disability or bona fide religious belief or practice, or any other basis protected by federal, state, or local laws. FIND strongly disapproves of and will not tolerate harassment of or discrimination against applicants, employees, unpaid interns, or volunteers by managers,

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supervisors, co-workers or third parties with whom employees come into contact. Similarly, FIND will not tolerate harassment by its employees of non-employees with whom FIND employees have a business, service, or professional relationship.

II. Harassment Defined

Harassment includes verbal, physical, and visual conduct that creates an intimidating, offensive, or hostile working environment or that interferes with an employee's work performance. Such conduct constitutes harassment when (1) submission to the conduct is made either an explicit or implicit condition of employment; (2) submission or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment decision; or (3) the harassment interferes with an employee's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Harassing conduct can take many forms and may include, but is not limited to, the following (when based upon an employee's protected status as noted above): slurs, jokes, statements, gestures, assault, impeding or blocking another's movement or otherwise physically interfering with normal work, pictures, drawings, or cartoons, violating someone's "personal space," foul or obscene language, leering, stalking, staring, unwanted or offensive letters or poems, offensive email or voicemail messages.

Sexually harassing conduct in particular may include all of these prohibited actions, as well as other unwelcome conduct, such as requests for sexual favors, conversation containing sexual comments, and other unwelcome sexual advances. Sexually harassing conduct can be by a person of either the same or opposite sex. Sexually harassing conduct need not be motivated by sexual desire to be violative of this policy.

III. Reporting and Investigating Harassing Conduct

FIND understands that victims of harassment are often embarrassed and reluctant to report acts of harassment for fear of being blamed, concern about being retaliated against, or because it is difficult to discuss sexual matters openly with others. However, no employee should have to endure harassing conduct, and FIND therefore encourages employees to promptly report any incidents of harassment so that corrective action may be taken. Any incidents of harassment, including work-related harassment by any Company personnel or any other person, should be reported immediately to the Human Resources Manager, who is responsible for investigating harassment complaints. An employee is not required to complain to the Human Resources Manager if that person is the individual who is harassing the employee but may instead report the harassment to his or her immediate supervisor or any other member of management. Supervisors and managers who receive complaints or who observe harassing conduct must immediately inform the Human Resources Manager or other appropriate company official so that an investigation may be initiated.

Every reported complaint of harassment will be investigated thoroughly and promptly by impartial and qualified personnel. Typically, the investigation will include the following steps: an interview of the employee who lodged the harassment complaint to obtain complete details regarding the alleged harassment; interviews of anyone who is alleged to have committed the acts of harassment to respond to the claims; and interview of any employees who may have witnessed, or who may have knowledge of, the alleged harassment. The Human Resources Manager, or other company official responsible for the investigation, will notify the employee who lodged the harassment complaint of progress during the investigation, including documentation where applicable, and timely notification of the results of the investigation. The investigation will be handled in as confidential a manner as possible consistent with a fair, timely, and thorough investigation in a manner that provides all parties appropriate due process and reaches reasonable conclusions based on the evidence collected.

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In addition to notifying FIND about harassment or retaliation complaints, affected employees may also direct their complaints to the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing ("DFEH"), which has the authority to conduct investigations of the facts. The deadline for filing complaints with the DFEH is one year from the date of the alleged unlawful conduct. If the DFEH believes that a complaint is valid and settlement efforts fail, the DFEH may file a lawsuit in court. The courts have the authority to award monetary and non-monetary relief in meritorious cases. Employees can contact the nearest DFEH office at the locations listed in FIND's DFEH poster or by checking the State Government listings in the local telephone directory.

IV. Corrective Action

FIND will not tolerate retaliation against any employee for making a good faith complaint of harassment or for cooperating in an investigation. If harassment or retaliation in violation of this policy is established, FIND will take appropriate corrective action. Corrective action may include, for example: training, referral to counseling, or disciplinary action ranging from a verbal or written warning to termination of employment, depending on the circumstances. With regard to acts of harassment by customers or vendors, corrective action will be taken after consultation with the appropriate management personnel. Employees will not experience retaliation as a result of lodging a complaint or participating in any workplace investigation.

V. Anti-Harassment Training

Every Company employee is required to undergo Sexual Harassment training within his/her first three (3) months of employment and at least once every two (2) years thereafter. In addition, all employees hired as or promoted to a supervisory or management position must undergo at least two (2) hours of interactive sexual harassment training within the first six (6) months of assuming a new supervisory or management position. Additionally, all supervisors and managers must complete at least two (2) hours of interactive sexual harassment training at least once every two (2) years thereafter. An employee who fails to comply with this section may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.