

**Policy:**

Palmer's Home Care, LLC, is committed to providing a work environment that is professional and free of discrimination or harassment. In keeping with this commitment, no form of harassment, sexual or otherwise, will be tolerated in the work place. Any employee who feels that a manager's, other employee's or non-employee's actions, words or conduct constitutes harassment is required to report the incident immediately.

Harassment or discrimination of any sort, whether verbal, physical, or visual or via social media, that is based on or directed toward a person's age, race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, ancestry, veteran, disabled status, or other characteristic protected by law, will not be tolerated.

**Comments:**

Workplace harassment can take many forms; it can be found in statements, gestures, writings, signs, cartoons, pictures, e-mail, text messages, social media, jokes and pranks, physical contact and assaults, and acts or threats of violence or retribution. Harassment is not necessarily sexual in nature. It may also take the form of other activity including derogatory statements or conduct not directed to the targeted or offended individual but taking place within their presence.

Palmer's Health Care, LLC, prohibits not only harassment and discrimination, but also any type of retaliation for making a complaint, for assisting another to make a complaint, or for participating in an investigation. All Palmer's Health Care, LLC, employees, particularly Managers, have a responsibility for keeping the work environment free of harassment, discrimination or retaliation of any type. Any employee who is personally impacted or who becomes aware of an incident of harassment, discrimination or retaliation, whether by witnessing the incident or being told of it by others, must report the incident as soon as possible.

Internal complaint procedures have been established to ensure effective investigation and resolution of harassment, discrimination or retaliation complaints. To report an incident, employees should contact their Degreed Professional Manager, the Director, or the Owners.

All reports of harassment will be handled with discretion and with due regard for privacy concerns. All reports will be investigated, as appropriate, and corrective action, up to and including termination, may be taken.