



**Armed Forces Retirement Home  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR: MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE  
ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME (AFRH)**

**SUBJECT: 2022 Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policy Statement**

This memorandum describes AFRH's policy regarding the prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace. Sexual harassment is unacceptable conduct, which will *not* be tolerated.

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) employment decisions affecting such individuals; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

Sexual harassment adversely affects morale and productivity. It is illegal and violates AFRH policy. Our goal is to foster a working environment wherein every employee exhibits the highest level of professional behavior and courtesy. Managers and supervisors must act swiftly and fairly when unacceptable conduct is observed and must be reported.

Individuals who feel they are victims of sexual harassment should make it clear that such behavior is both offensive and unacceptable. If the offending behavior does not stop immediately, or it reoccurs, or if there is fear of reprisal, the affected employee(s) should report the harassment through appropriate supervisory channels, or to the Agency's servicing EEO Counselors at (571) 372-0832 or [whs.eeop@mail.mil](mailto:whs.eeop@mail.mil). Allegations of such conduct will be treated seriously and AFRH will take prompt and fair corrective action.

  
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