

SAVE THE CHILDREN'S ANTI-HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION AND BULLYING POLICY

1. Our values and principles

Save the Children's Anti-harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Policy expresses our commitment to maintain a workplace that is free of harassment, so that all those who work for Save the Children can feel safe and happy. We will not tolerate anyone harassing, intimidating, or bullying others in the workplace. We also prohibit wilful discrimination based on sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, age, disability and other aspects of identity. Save the Children expects the same standards to be applied by partners, contractors and supplier and all third parties associated with our work.

Save the Children takes a zero tolerance approach to any form of Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (as those terms are defined in this policy) in and outside of the workplace, including sexual exploitation and abuse and any conduct that is discriminatory or disrespectful toward others. This includes on Save the Children premises, in the communities in which we work or elsewhere, and whether during or outside of working hours.

All adults have the equal right to protection regardless of any personal characteristic, including their sex, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, age, disability. Save the Children does not tolerate any action that violates a person's dignity or creates an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment.

This policy applies to all persons working for us or on our behalf in any capacity, including employees at all levels, directors, officers, agency workers, seconded workers, volunteers, interns, agents, contractors, external consultants, third-party representatives, suppliers and business partners. It applies during or outside of working hours, every day of the year.

1. What is Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying?

Definitions of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Word/Term	Definition
Harassment	Harassment consists of unwanted conduct, whether verbal, physical or visual, which is related to a person's sex, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, age or disability with the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a person or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment. Such conduct may take place on a single occasion or on several occasions.
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Sexual Harassment	Sexual Harassment consists of unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, which has the purpose or effect of violating the dignity of a person or creating an intimidating, hostile, degrading, humiliating or offensive environment. Such conduct may take place on a single occasion or on several occasions. Sexual Harassment may take the form of unwelcome physical, verbal or non-verbal conduct directed at a person or group of persons, which may include - but is not limited to - the following:

	<p>(a) unwanted physical contact, ranging from touching to sexual assault and rape;</p> <p>(b) verbal forms of sexual harassment including unwelcome sexual innuendoes, suggestions and hints, sexual advances, comments with sexual overtones, sex-related jokes or insults, comments about a person's body or enquiries about a person's sex life or sexual orientation;</p> <p>(c) non-verbal forms of sexual harassment including unwelcome gestures, whistling, indecent exposure or the unwelcome display of sexually explicit pictures or objects;</p> <p>d) unwanted messages of a sexual nature that are sent via email, SMS, skype, voice messages and other electronic means, whether using Save the Children IT/devices or personal mobiles/equipment; or</p> <p>(e) harassment of a sexual nature that is linked to recruitment/employment opportunities, promotion, training or development opportunities or the offer of salary increments or other employee or worker benefits in exchange for sexual favours.</p>
<i>Intimidation</i>	<p>Intimidation is the unreasonable use of status or authority to require or coerce an individual to perform an action or task, which the individual knows to be inappropriate and/or disrespectful, illegal, or in direct conflict with Save the Children policy or procedure.</p>
<i>Bullying</i>	<p>Bullying is any repeated offensive, abusive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour which: (i) makes the recipient feel upset, threatened, humiliated or vulnerable or undermines their self-confidence or causes them to suffer stress or feel upset; and (ii) a reasonable observer would identify as amounting to bullying behaviour.</p>
<i>Sexual Exploitation</i>	<p>Any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, trust, or dependency, for sexual or sexualised purposes. This includes the offer or promise of monetary, social, political benefits as an incentive or form of coercion.</p>
<i>Sexual Abuse</i>	<p>The threatened or actual physical intrusion of a sexual or sexualised nature, including inappropriate touching, by force or under unequal or coercive conditions, sexual assault and rape. It may also include threatened or actual non-physical intrusion (unwanted and/or uninvited exposure to pornography, texts, images, and so on, the sharing of images, texts and so on, demands for sexualised photographs etc.).</p>
<i>Discriminatory and disrespectful behaviour</i>	<p>Other forms of harassment [that] may relate to a person's gender, marital status, race (including colour, nationality or ethnic or national</p>



	origin), religion or belief, age or disability and may involve bullying or intimidation or both.
Zero Tolerance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Save the Children, we have a culture of <u>zero tolerance</u> for all forms of abuse and mistreatment, including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying. • This means that every single concern is fully responded to and where necessary prompt action (including conducting an investigation and taking disciplinary action, if applicable) is taken. • It means that we will hold our people to account against the same standards and subject them to the same processes, as everyone else regardless of their position or reputation within the organization.

Save the Children is committed to ensuring there is transparency in our own business and in our approach to preventing and responding to any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying against adults throughout our supply chains, and relationship with third parties. In addition we are committed to ensuring our approach is consistent with our national and international disclosure obligations, and shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and codes from time to time in force, including all relevant UK laws related to protection from harassment, intimidation, bullying, and applicable laws in the countries where Save the Children operates

Where the guidance in this policy conflicts with any applicable laws or regulations, the higher standard must be observed at all times.

3. ***Our approach to anti-harassment, intimidation and bullying***

Save the Children is committed to preventing all forms of harassment, intimidation and bullying through the following means:

Awareness: Ensuring that all staff, representatives and third parties connected to Save the Children are aware of the high standards of behaviour and conduct expected of them to prevent any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace.

Prevention: Promoting a safe and healthy working environment by applying all relevant policies and mechanisms to ensure that staff and those who work with Save the Children understand and minimise the risks of any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying.

Reporting: Ensuring that all staff and those who work with Save the Children are clear on what steps to take where suspicions or concerns arise regarding allegations of any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace.

Responding: Ensuring that immediate action is taken to identify and address reports of any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace and ensure the safety and well-being of the survivor/victim.

4. **The commitment we expect from you**

Save the Children expects the same high standards from all of our partners, contractors, suppliers and all third parties working with or for Save the Children, including taking measures to provide a safe and healthy working environment including protection from bullying and harassment at work.

You must have a zero-tolerance policy on any form of harassment, intimidation and bullying in the workplace and take all measures available to you to prevent and respond to any actual, attempted or threatened harassment, intimidation and bullying involving Save the Children staff or representatives, or your organisation's employees or representatives that arises during performance of the terms of this Agreement.

- a) You must ensure that your staff members and those working with Save the Children under your control are fully aware of this policy and encourage them to report incidents of suspected, or actual, harassment, intimidation or bullying involving Save the Children staff or representatives, or your organisation's employees or representatives that arises during performance of the terms of this Agreement.
- b) You must ***immediately report*** any suspicion or incident of harassment, intimidation or bullying occurring in Save the Children, your organisation or sub-contractor in relation to your business partnership with Save the Children. Failure to report will be treated as serious and may result in termination of any agreement with Save the Children.
- c) When you or any staff working for Save the Children under your control suspect or become aware of a harassment, intimidation or bullying concern in relation to work for Save the Children, you are obliged to:-
 - o Act quickly and immediately report suspicions or knowledge of any harassment, intimidation or bullying concern or incident to a relevant contact at Save the Children (which could include the Save the Children Country Director / Regional Director).
 - o Keep any information confidential between you and the person you report this to.
- d) You will cooperate with Save the Children in any investigations of concerns reported under this Agreement, and keep Save the Children promptly updated on any concerns reported under this Agreement, including but not limited to actions taken by you in response.

Please contact your Save the Children representative if you have further questions.

