# **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Am I part of the problem? How can I be part of the solution?

### **INAPPROPRIATE BANTER**

Banter affects everyone in the room. **Never engage in banter on sexual topics or physical appearance** - even if you think the joke is funny, it's highly likely others do not.

#### **UNWANTED COMMENTS**

Comments about someone's physical appearance, sexual innuendo or uninvited verbal or physical advances are unprofessional and a form of sexual harassment.

If in doubt, don't say it.

#### **SPEAK UP**

As a leader in your workplace, you have the power to challenge sexually inappropriate behaviours. Lead by example and call it out, however small. **Do the right thing - protect your colleagues and report sexual harassment.** 

## **ABUSING YOUR POSITION**

Are you a supervisor? Recognise the power you have over your colleagues - they may not feel able to challenge your behaviour.

The onus is on you to reflect on your behaviour and be the best role model.

#### **PHYSICAL TOUCH**

Physical touch is rarely necessary in a professional setting - always ask consent before moving into someone's personal space or making any physical contact. **Never touch a colleague in a sexual manner.** 

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