

# New York City City Labor Law Postings

## Paid Safe and Sick Leave Law

### Notice of Employee Rights: Safe and Sick Leave

If you work part time or full time at any size business or nonprofit in NYC or if you work in a NYC household as a domestic worker, you have the right to safe and sick leave to care for yourself or anyone you consider family. You have this right regardless of your immigration status. Your employer must give you this notice explaining your rights.

#### Amount of Safe and Sick Leave:

- All employers must provide up to **40 hours** of safe and sick leave each calendar year.

#### Beginning January 1, 2021:

- Employers with **100 or more employees** must provide up to **56 hours** of safe and sick leave each calendar year.

Your employer's calendar year is: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
First month Last month

You earn safe and sick leave at a rate of **1 hour for every 30 hours worked**.

You have a right to **PAID** safe and sick leave if:

- Your employer has 5 or more employees.
- Your employer has fewer than 5 employees but a net income of \$1 million or more. (effective January 1, 2021)
- You work in someone's home as a domestic worker; for example, babysitter, housekeeper, or companionship worker. Note: The law covers 1 or more domestic workers working in a household.

You have a right to **UNPAID** safe and sick leave if:

- Your employer has fewer than 5 employees and a net income of less than \$1 million.

You can carry over unused safe and sick leave to the next calendar year.

#### Use of Safe and Sick Leave:

- Use it for your health, including to get medical care or to recover from illness or injury.
- Use it to care for a family member who is sick or has a medical appointment.
- Use it when your job or your child's school closes due to a public health emergency.
- Use it for your safety or for a family member's safety because of domestic violence, unwanted sexual contact, stalking, or human trafficking.

Your employer can require you to give advance notice of a planned use of safe and sick leave; for example, to attend a scheduled doctor's appointment or court hearing. You do not have to give advance notice of an unexpected use of safe and sick leave; for example, a sudden illness or medical emergency.

You have a right to privacy. You do not have to give your employer details about why you used safe or sick leave.

If you use more than three workdays in a row of safe and sick leave, your employer can require documentation. Your employer must reimburse you for any fees you pay for required documentation. Documentation should not include the details of your private medical or personal situation.

#### Required Written Disclosures about Safe and Sick Leave:

Your employer must:

- Give you a written safe and sick leave policy that explains how to use your benefits.
- Tell you how much safe and sick leave you have used and have left each pay period.

#### No Retaliation:

It is illegal to punish or fire employees for requesting or using safe and sick leave or for reporting violations.



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Contact Consumer and Worker Protection to learn more or to file a complaint.  
Visit [nyc.gov/workers](http://nyc.gov/workers) | Call 311 and ask for "Paid Safe and Sick Leave"  
You can also make an ANONYMOUS tip.

## Temporary Changes to Work Schedule

# You Have a Right to Temporary Changes to Your Work Schedule

Under NYC's Temporary Schedule Change Law, covered employees have a right to temporary changes to their work schedule for certain "personal events." Employers must post this notice where employees can easily see it at each NYC workplace.

#### Employees Covered by the Law

All employees who work 80+ hours per calendar year in NYC and who have been employed by their employer 120 or more days

The law applies regardless of immigration status.

Employers cannot punish, penalize, retaliate, or take any action against employees that might stop or deter them from exercising their rights under the law. Workers should immediately contact OLPs about retaliation. See below.

#### Employees NOT Covered by the Law

- Government employees
- Certain employees subject to a collective bargaining agreement
- Certain employees in motion picture, television, and live entertainment industries

- The need to attend a legal proceeding or hearing for public benefits to which the employee, a family member, or the employee's minor child or care recipient is a party
- Any other reason for which the employee may use leave under NYC's Paid Safe and Sick Leave Law

#### Personal event

A "personal event" can be any of the following:

- The need to care for a child under the age of 18
- The need to care for a "care recipient," a person with a disability who is a family or household member and relies on you for medical care or to meet the needs of daily living

#### Temporary change

A "temporary change" means an adjustment to your usual schedule. This can include: using short-term unpaid leave, paid time off, working remotely, or swapping or shifting working hours.

## Your Rights

### Temporary change to work schedule on up to two (2) occasions each calendar year



The change must be to accommodate a personal event. See Definitions. Your employer must grant requests for up to:

- Two (2) separate occasions, each totaling one (1) business day
- OR
- One (1) occasion for up to two (2) business days

### Freedom from retaliation for additional schedule change requests



You can request additional changes to your schedule. Employers are not required to grant additional requests; however, they cannot retaliate against you.

### If you need a temporary change to your work schedule:

- As soon as you become aware of the need for a temporary schedule change, request one from your employer or direct supervisor either orally or in writing. Your request should include the date of the change, that the change is due to a personal event, and propose the type of temporary change you want (for example, to work from home, unless you would like to use leave without pay).
- Your employer must respond immediately.
- If you requested the schedule change orally (for example, in person or by phone), you must submit a written request no later than the second business day after you return to work. Include in the written request the date of the temporary schedule change and that the change was due to a personal event. Your employer must provide a written response within 14 days. If you do not submit a written request, your employer is not required to provide a written response but cannot deny your request because you did not submit a written request.
- Make sure to keep all of your schedules and any communications with your employer about scheduling.

### File a Complaint

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Office of Labor Policy & Standards (OLPS) enforces NYC's Temporary Schedule Change Law and other NYC workplace laws.

To file a complaint with OLPS, go to [nyc.gov/dca](http://nyc.gov/dca) or contact 311 (212-NEW-YORK outside NYC) and ask for "Temporary Schedule Change Law." OLPS will conduct an investigation and try to resolve your complaint. OLPS will keep your identity confidential unless disclosure is necessary to complete an investigation or to enforce the law.

You can also file an action in court. However, you cannot have a complaint with OLPS and a claim in court at the same time.

### Contact OLPS

Visit [nyc.gov/dca](http://nyc.gov/dca), email [olps@dca.nyc.gov](mailto:olps@dca.nyc.gov), or contact 311 (212-NEW-YORK outside NYC) and ask for "Temporary Schedule Change Law."



You have a right to be given this notice in English and in any language that is the primary language of at least 5 percent of the workers at your workplace if the translation is available on the DCA website.

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## Stop Sexual Harassment Act (English)

# STOP SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT NOTICE

All employers are required to provide written notice of employees' rights under the Human Rights Law both in the form of a displayed poster and as an information sheet distributed to individual employees at the time of hire. This document satisfies the poster requirement.

## The NYC Human Rights Law

The NYC Human Rights Law, one of the strongest anti-discrimination laws in the nation, protects all individuals against discrimination based on gender, which includes sexual harassment in the workplace, in housing, and in public accommodations like stores and restaurants. Violators can be held accountable with civil penalties of up to \$250,000 in the case of a willful violation. The Commission can also assess emotional distress damages and other remedies to the victim, require the violator to undergo training, and mandate other remedies such as community service.

## Sexual Harassment Under the Law

Sexual harassment, a form of gender-based discrimination, is unwelcome verbal or physical behavior based on a person's gender.

## Some Examples of Sexual Harassment

- unwelcome or inappropriate touching of employees or customers
- threatening or engaging in adverse action after someone refuses a sexual advance
- making lewd or sexual comments about an individual's appearance, body, or style of dress
- conditioning promotions or other opportunities on sexual favors
- displaying pornographic images, cartoons, or graffiti on computers, emails, cell phones, bulletin boards, etc.
- making sexist remarks or derogatory comments based on gender

## Retaliation Is Prohibited Under the Law

It is a violation of the law for an employer to take action against you because you oppose or speak out against sexual harassment in the workplace. The NYC Human Rights Law prohibits employers from retaliating or discriminating "in any manner against any person" because that person opposed an unlawful discriminatory practice. Retaliation can manifest through direct actions, such as demotions or terminations, or more subtle behavior, such as an increased work load or being transferred to a less desirable location. The NYC Human Rights Law protects individuals against retaliation who have a good faith belief that their employer's conduct is illegal, even if it turns out that they were mistaken.

## Report Sexual Harassment

If you have witnessed or experienced sexual harassment inform a manager, the equal employment opportunity officer at your workplace, or human resources as soon as possible.

Report sexual harassment to the NYC Commission on Human Rights. Call 212-416-0197 or visit [nyc.gov/humanrights](http://nyc.gov/humanrights) to learn how to file a complaint or report discrimination. You can file a complaint anonymously.

## State and Federal Government Resources

Sexual harassment is also unlawful under state and federal law where states of limitations vary.

To file a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights, please visit the Division's website at [www.dhr.ny.gov](http://www.dhr.ny.gov).

To file a charge with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), please visit the EEOC's website at [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).



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## Stop Sexual Harassment Act (Spanish)

# AVISO SOBRE LA LEY PARA DETENER EL ACOSO SEXUAL

Todos los empleadores deben proporcionar un aviso por escrito sobre los derechos de los empleados de conformidad con la Ley de Derechos Humanos de la Ciudad de Nueva York mediante un afiche exhibido y una hoja de información distribuida a cada empleado en el momento de la contratación. Este documento cumple con el requisito del afiche.

## La Ley de Derechos Humanos de la Ciudad de Nueva York

La Ley de Derechos Humanos de la Ciudad de Nueva York, una de las leyes más rigurosas contra la discriminación del país, protege a todas las personas contra la discriminación debido al género, lo que incluye el acoso sexual en el lugar de trabajo, la vivienda y espacios públicos, como tiendas y restaurantes. Quiénes infrinjan esta ley pueden ser responsables de sanciones civiles de hasta \$250,000 en el caso de una infracción intencional. La Comisión también puede evaluar concederle a la víctima una indemnización por daños y perjuicios debido a angustia emocional y otros recursos, exigirle al infractor asistir a una capacitación y ordenar otras medidas, como servicio comunitario.

## El Acoso Sexual Según la Ley

El acoso sexual, una forma de discriminación en función del género, es el comportamiento físico o verbal no deseado en relación con el género de una persona.

## Algunos Ejemplos de Acoso Sexual

- Tocar a los empleados o clientes de manera inapropiada.
- Amenazar o actuar de manera adversa luego de que una persona rechaza una insinuación sexual.
- Hacer comentarios lascivos o sexuales sobre el aspecto, cuerpo o la forma de vestir de una persona.
- Condicionar ascensos u otras oportunidades en función de favores sexuales.
- Mostrar imágenes, dibujos o graffiti pornográficos en computadoras, celulares electrónicos, teléfonos celulares, tableros de anuncios, etc.
- Hacer comentarios sexistas o despectivos en función del género.

## La ley prohíbe represalias

Es contrario a la ley que un empleador tome medidas en su contra por oponerse o expresarse en contra del acoso sexual en el lugar de trabajo. La Ley de Derechos Humanos de la Ciudad de Nueva York prohíbe a los empleadores tomar represalias o discriminar "de cualquier forma a una persona" por oponerse a una práctica discriminatoria ilegal. Las represalias pueden manifestarse a través de acciones directas, como deserciones o despidos, o a través de comportamientos más sutiles, como un aumento en la carga de trabajo o la transferencia a un lugar menos deseable. La Ley de Derechos Humanos de la Ciudad de Nueva York protege contra las represalias a las personas que creen de buena fe que el comportamiento de su empleador es ilegal, incluso si resultan estar equivocadas.

## Denuncie el Acoso Sexual

Si cree que es víctima de acoso sexual, infórmele lo antes posible a un gerente, al representante de igualdad de oportunidades laborales de su lugar de trabajo o al Departamento de Recursos Humanos.

Denuncie el acoso sexual ante la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de la Ciudad de Nueva York. Llame al 212-416-0197 o visite [nyc.gov/humanrights](http://nyc.gov/humanrights) para saber cómo presentar una queja o denunciar un acto de discriminación. Usted puede presentar una queja de forma anónima.

## Recursos del Gobierno Estatal y Federal

El acoso sexual también es ilegal en virtud de la ley estatal y federal.

Para presentar una queja ante la División de Derechos Humanos del Estado de Nueva York, visite el sitio web de la División en [www.dhr.ny.gov](http://www.dhr.ny.gov).

Para presentar cargos ante la Comisión para la Igualdad de Oportunidades en el Empleo (EEOC) de los EE. UU., visite el sitio web de la EEOC en [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).



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## Pregnancy & Employment Rights

# NOTICE Pregnancy Accommodations at Work

The NYC Human Rights Law requires all employers with four or more employees to provide reasonable accommodations to employees related to pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions to enable them to continue working and/or return to work promptly while maintaining a healthy pregnancy. Employers are required to provide written notice of employees' rights under the Law, and can use this document to satisfy that requirement. As such, it should be posted in the workplace.

## EMPLOYERS

Provide a clear policy and protocol for employees to request a reasonable accommodation. Work with your pregnant employee to promptly agree on a reasonable accommodation that:

- Values your employee's contributions to the workplace
- Helps your employee satisfy the essential requisites of her job
- Keeps them in the workplace for as long as they are able to continue working
- Is right for your employee and does not cause undue hardship to your business

Ignoring a request for a reasonable accommodation, failing to respond quickly, punishing, or firing your employee after they request one can expose you to damages and civil penalties. Employers are prohibited from asking for proof of pregnancy. Employers may request a doctor's note only when the accommodations requested by the employee involve time away from the workplace and when not otherwise prohibited by city, state, or federal law, including the NYC Earned Sick Time Act.

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## EMPLOYEES

If you need a reasonable accommodation to continue working or remain employed, you can request one. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Breaks (e.g. to use the bathroom, eat or drink, or provide necessary rest)
- Changes to your work environment such as a seat or a fan
- Assistance with physically demanding tasks
- Time off or schedule adjustments
- A private, clean, non-bathroom space and breaks for expressing breast milk
- Light duty or a temporary transfer to a different position
- Time off to recover from childbirth

The type of reasonable accommodation appropriate for an employee should be tailored to the needs of the employee and the employer. If your request for a reasonable accommodation has been ignored or denied without an appropriate alternative, we can help. Call the NYC Commission on Human Rights at 212-416-0197 to report it.

