

Village of Saranac Lake

Workplace Violence Prevention Policy Statement

The Village of Saranac Lake is committed to the safety and security of our employees. Workplace violence presents a serious occupational safety hazard to our staff, community and citizens.

Workplace Violence is defined as any physical assault or act of aggressive behavior occurring where a public employee performs any work-related duty in the course of his or her employment including but not limited to an attempt to threaten, whether verbal or physical, to inflict physical injury upon an employee; any intentional display of force which would give an employee reason to fear or expect bodily harm; intentional and wrongful physical contact with a person without his or her consent that entails some injury; or stalking an employee with the intent of causing fear or material harm to the physical safety and health of such employee when such stalking has arisen through and in the course of employment.

Acts of violence against any of our employees where any work related duty is performed will be thoroughly investigated and appropriate action will be taken, including involving law enforcement authorizes when warranted. All employees are responsible for helping to create an environment of mutual respect for each other as well as citizens and visitors, following all policies, procedures and practices, and for assisting in maintaining a safe and secure work environment.

This policy is designed to meet the requirements of New York State Labor Law Art. 2§27-b and highlights some of the elements that are found within our Workplace Violence Prevention Program. The process involved in complying with this law includes a workplace evaluation that is designed to identify the risks of workplace violence to which our employees could be exposed. Authorized Employee Representative(s) will, at a minimum, be involved in:

- Evaluating the environment
- Developing the Workplace Violence Prevention Program; and
- Reviewing workplace violence incident reports at least annually to identify trends in the types of incidents reported, if any and reviewing the effectiveness of the mitigating actions taken.

All employees will participate in the annual Workplace Violence Prevention Training Program.

The goal of this policy is to promote the safety and well-being of all people in our workplace. All incidents of violence or threatening behavior will be responded to immediately upon notification. All personnel are responsible for notifying the contact person designated of any violent incidents, threatening behavior, including threats they have witnessed, received, or have been told that another person has witnessed or received.

Designated Contact Person: Village Manager

Phone: 518-891-4150

Email: manager@saranaclakeny.gov

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Summary of New York State Workplace Violence Prevention Act 12NYCRR Part 800.6

The Workplace Violence Prevention Act was passed in 2006. The purpose was to ensure that the risk of workplace assaults and homicides is evaluated by affected public employers and their employees and that such public employers design and implement protection programs to minimize the hazard of the workplace violence to employees.

Every public employer with 20 or more full-time permanent employees must have a written workplace violence program.

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