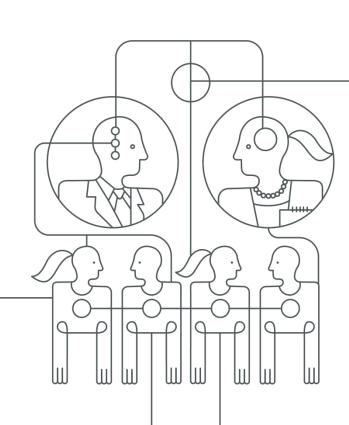


## Harassment Training Mandates: CA, NY... What's Next?

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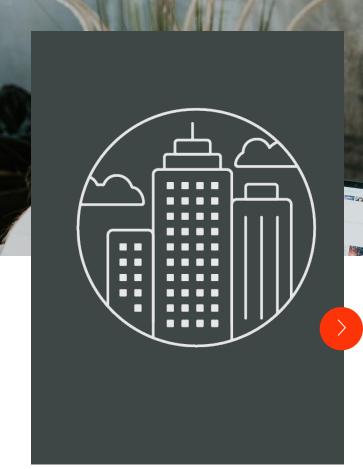
## **Train for Prevention, Not Just Compliance: Strategy Framework**







Employers Should Conduct Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Even in States with No Statutory Requirement.





# **Changing Legislative Landscape**

The Post #MeToo Environment







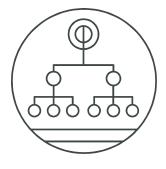
## California Requirements Prior to 2019



Applied to employers with 50 or more employees



Required to provide supervisors in California two hours of anti-sexual harassment training every two years



**No requirement** to train non-supervisors





## **California: New Anti-Harassment Laws**

**SB 1343** 

**Expansion of AB 1825 Training Mandate** 

**Employers with five or more employees** 

**All employees** must receive sexual harassment training every two years

**One hour for non-supervisors;** Two hours for supervisors

**Within six months of hire** (except temp/seasonal workers — within 30 days or 100 hours)

**Training /retraining (?) deadline:** January 1, 2020

**Penalty:** an order requiring the employer to provide training

**SB 1300** 

**Bystander Training/Expansion of Liability** 

Bystander intervention training encouraged

**Expanded liability** for harassment by non-employees — all types of harassment

**Legislative intent** that a single incident can constitute a viable claim of HWE

**Effective January 1, 2019** 





# Required Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

New York



## **New York: New Anti-Harassment Laws**

#### **State Law: Effective April 1, 2019**



#### Scope

All NY employers must provide

<u>all</u> NY employees with sexual

harassment training and a written

sexual harassment prevention policy



#### **Training must**

**Be completed annually** first round by October 9, 2019

**Meet minimum standards** 

**Be interactive** (may be online)



#### **Policy must include**

A standard complaint form

Investigation procedure, information about filing complaints (agencies, courts), remedies





## **New York City: New Anti-Harassment Laws**

NYC Law: Effective April 1, 2019

## Local Law 96 of 2018

**Employers with 15 or more employees** 

**All employees** must receive sexual harassment training every year

**Duration of the program not specified** 

Within 90 days of hire (except temp/seasonal workers — more than 80 hours and at least 90 days)

**Tracking:** Employers must keep a record of all trainings with a signed employee acknowledgement





# Required Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Connecticut, Illinois, Delaware, Maine & D.C.



## **Connecticut Requirements**

State Law: Effective June 19, 2019

Prior to 2019

Passed in 1992

**Employers with 50 or more total employees** no matter where they were located

**Supervisors** must receive sexual harassment training every three years

**Duration of the program must be two hours** 

Within 6 months of assuming a supervisor role

2019

Public Act No. 19-16 "Time's Up Act" Amended by Senate Bill 1111

**Employers with three or more total employees** 

One to two employees only train supervisors

**Three+** employees all employees

**Duration of the program must be two hours** 

**Training Deadline** October 1, 2020

Within six months of hire or assuming a supervisor role

**Penalty:** \$750



## **Additional Legislation**



#### Scope

**All employees** working in Illinois

**Training must** 

Be completed annually

**Penalty** 

Up to \$5,000



#### **Delaware**

#### Scope

**50+ employees** in the state

#### **Training must**

Be completed by all employees first round by January 1, 2020
Be given every two years
Have 90 minutes of content



#### Maine

#### Scope

**15+ employees** in the state

#### **Training must**

Be given to all employees Every year for supervisors Within a year of starting

#### **Penalty**

Up to \$5,000



D.C.

#### Scope

Employers with **tipped employees** 

#### **Training must**

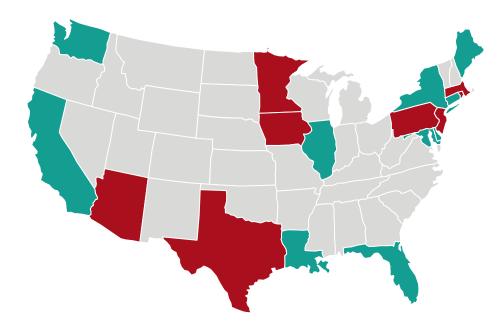
Be given to all employees
Be given every two years
Be given within 90 days
of starting employment





Synthesizing Requirements for Multi-State Employers

## **Synthesized Requirements for Multi-State Employers**



**Enacted** | Pending/Not Enacted

#### Who should be trained:

ALL employees (supervisors and non-supervisors)

#### Duration of the program:

- Two-hour program for supervisors
- One-hour program for non-supervisors

#### How often:

Annually

#### Deadline for new employees:

- Within six months of hire or promotion
- Shorten to 90-days if an employer in NYC or an employer of tipped employees in D.C.



## **Topics Covered - Compliance vs. Impact**

- Definition of unlawful sexual harassment under applicable local, state & federal law
- Harassment based on other protected classes including gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation
- Company policies
- Conduct constituting sexual harassment and examples
- Remedies available under the law
- Strategies to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace
- The company's internal complaint process and the limited confidentiality of such process
- Employer's obligation to conduct an effective workplace investigation



## **Topics Covered Across States**

- Bullying / "Abusive Conduct" (California Required)
- Bystander Intervention (New York City Required)
- Process and contact information for filing a complaint with local and state agencies and the EEOC
- Prohibition against retaliation
- Specific responsibilities of a supervisor regarding prevention and correction of sexual harassment and the prohibition against retaliation
  - CA employers must cover what to do if accused of harassment for supervisors



## Training for Impact: Teach Employees and Managers What They SHOULD Do



#### **Positive Framing**

Learners as bystanders/allies not potential harassers/victims

Positive action and values not avoiding negative consequences

**Professionalism and culture** not just illegal/egregious behavior



#### **Bystander Intervention**

More than "See something, say something"

- Learn to recognize concerning situations
- Build and practice intervention skills
- Understand they will be supported



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