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THE IMPORTANCE OF POLICIES

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Policies – Why are they Important?



Framework for decision making





Maintain transparency & accountability



Guidance & Direction

Policies offer clear guidelines & directions for public officials, helping you understand your roles & responsibilities. Ensures everyone is working towards common goals & objectives.



Consistency

Policies ensure decisions & actions are consistent across the organization.

Helps maintain uniformity & fairness in conduct of duties.



Transparency

Well-defined policies promote transparency by making decisionmaking process clear & understandable to everyone.

Builds trust & confidence in governmental entities.





Accountability

Policies establish accountability by setting standards & expectations for performance.

Public officials held accountable for actions based on established policies.



Legal Compliance

Policies ensure you comply with laws & regulations.

Reduces risk of legal issues & promotes ethical conduct.





Efficient

A structured approach to decision making & operations, policies improve efficiency & effectiveness.



IMPORTANT POLICIES TO HAVE



Personnel

Employee Status Management

Setting & managing employee status is crucial for ensuring legal compliance.

Roadmap for Addressing Workplace Issues

Discrimination, harassment, whistleblower & retaliation complaints is vital for maintaining a safe & fair work environment.

Workplace Rules & Discipline

Establishing clear workplace rules & managing employee discipline helps ensure order & compliance.

Employee Benefits & Compliance

Informing employees of benefits, FMLA, fitness for duty exams, & telecommuting policies.



Components

General Code of Conduct

Confidentiality

Code of Ethics

Relationships

Attendance, Punctuality, Time Off

Benefits

Employee Created Materials

Separation

Flextime

FMLA/ADA

Compensation

Work Schedules

Travel, Credit Card Use

Communicable Disease

Hiring

Personnel Files

Discipline

Discrimination & Retaliation

Fitness for Duty

Law Enforcement

Patrol & Jail

Most important policies for liability purposes.





Components

Conduct On/Off Duty

Code of Ethics

Use of Force/Weapons

Restraint Use

Search/Seizure

Arrest/Custody

Emergency/Pursuit Driving

Field Responses

Investigations

Audio/Video Recordings

Training

Overtime/Compensation

Fitness for Duty

Infectious Disease

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Drug & Alcohol Use & Testing Policies



More restrictive on governmental employers than on private employers.

Components



Drug/alcohol use on or off duty

Intoxication at work

Conditions for testing

- Pre-employment
- Post-accident
- Reasonable suspicion
- Random
- **Testing procedures**



& MVR CHECKS

WHO CAN USE AGENCY OWNED VEHICLES **PERSONAL VEHICLE USE CDL DRIVERS DRIVER EVALUATION** SEATBELT USE **CELL PHONE USE** SMOKING IMPAIRED DRIVING ACCIDENT REPORTING **TRAFFIC VIOLATION** REPORTING MAINTENANCE/REPAIR



Technology Systems

Definitions of Who is a User

Defining Appropriate Use & Rules

Monitoring Will Occur

Password Compliance

Connecting External Devices

Email Retention

Document Retention

Business Continuity/Breach Response



Social Media

Define Use, Management, Administration & Oversight

Who has social media access to agency account

What content can be posted on agency account

Personal Use of Social Media by Employees on and off duty

Artificial Intelligence



Use of AI Agency adopted AI tool What not to do with AI Disclosure of Use

Drone Use

Permissible UAS Uses

Compliance with FAA rules

Operating Procedures

Certification/Training

Payload Authorizations

Prohibited Uses

Data Collection/Retention

Accidents/Incidents

Sanctions



Member Portal





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Questions?