













CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS ENFORCED BY DFEH (1 OF 4)

Fair Employment and Housing Act

 Government Code §§ 12940-12951, 12955-12956.2 protect individuals from housing and employment discrimination and harassment on the basis of protected characteristics.





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- Unruh Civil Rights Act: Civil Code § 51 protects individuals from discrimination/harassment by business establishments (e.g., stores, restaurants, housing accommodations) on the basis of protected characteristics. The Unruh Act incorporates the Americans with Disabilities Act at Civil Code § 51(f).
- Ralph Civil Rights Act: Civil Code § 51.7 protects individuals from hate violence or threats of violence on the basis of protected characteristics.

UNRUH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Requires "full and equal accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, or services in all business establishments." Business establishments covered by the law include, but are not limited to: Hotels and motels Nonprofit organizations Restaurants Theaters Barber shops and beauty salons Hopping or the property of the property of

RALPH CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

Makes it unlawful for any person to threaten or commit acts of violence against a person or property based on race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, marial status, medical condition, genetic information, disability, sex/gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, political affiliation or position in a labor dispute.





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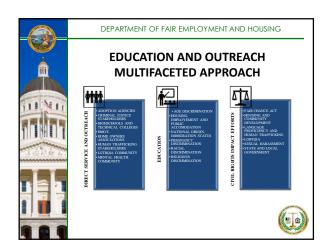
Disabled Person's Act

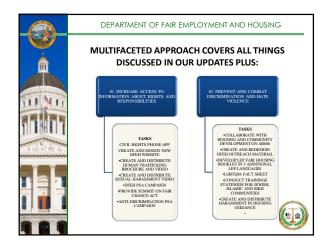
 Civil Code § 54, et seq. - gives individuals with disabilities or medical conditions the same right as the general public to the full and free use of all public places (e.g., streets, highways, sidewalks, public buildings, hospitals, etc.)

















- No confidentiality clauses in sexual harassment settlements, Code of Civ. Pro., § 1001
- No waivers to testify in sexual harassment settlements, Civ. Code, § 1670.11
- Limits on releases and non-disparagement clauses, Gov. Code, § 12964.5





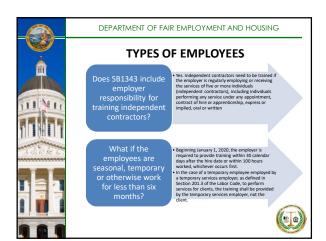
SEXUAL

TRAINING

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 <u>SB 1343</u> requires that all employers of 5 or more employees provide 1 hour of sexual harassment and abusive conduct prevention training to non-managerial employees and 2 hours of sexual harassment and abusive conduct prevention training to managerial employees once every two















TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

What documentation is required for those who have completed the training?

The law requires employers to keep documentation of the training it has provided its employees for a minimum of two years, including but not limited to the names of the supervisory employees trained, the date of training, the sign in sheet, a copy of all certificates of attendance or completion issued, the type of training, a copy of all written or recorded materials that comprise the training, and the name of the training provider.



WHAT IS "EFFECTIVE INTERACTIVE TRAINING"

Classroom training that is in-person, trainer-instruction, whose content is created by a trainer and provided to a supervisor by a trainer, in a setting removed from the supervisor's daily duties.

F-learning that is individualized, interactive, computer-based training created by a trainer and an instructional designer that includes a link or directions on how to contact a trainer who shall be available to answer questions and to provide guidance within two business days after the question is asked.

The trainer shall maintain all written questions received, and all written responses or guidance provided, for a period of two years after the date of the response.

Webinar training that's an internet-based seminar whose content is created and taught by a trainer and transmitted over the internet or intrained in real time. If CAN 8E WATCHED IN LARGE GROUPS

Other "effective interactive training" and education includes the use of audio, video or computer technology in conjunction with classroom, webinar and/or e-learning training.



WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST?

California law specifies that, "An employer.... shall provide" sexual harassment and abusive conduct prevention training. Gov. Code 12950.1(a)-(b). The Department is authorized to seek a court order that "the employer" has not complied with this requirement. Gov. Code 12950.1(f). This language makes clear that it is the employer's – not the employee's – responsibility to provide the required training, including any costs that may be incurred.

This language also makes clear that employees may not be required to take such training during their personal time; the training must be "provided" by the employer as part of an individual's employment.





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ANYTHING ELSE?

Yes, every employer shall post a poster developed by the Department regarding transgender rights and sexual harassment in a prominent and $% \label{eq:continuous} % \label{eq:continuous$ accessible location in the workplace.





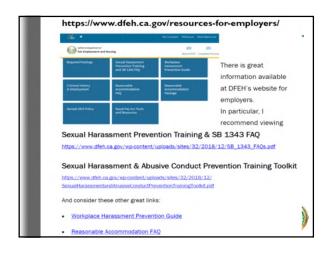


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Other Updates

- FEHA, California Government Code, § 12940(a) ☐ California Labor Code, §§ 1197.5; 432.3 (NO SALARY HISTORY, GENERALLY)
- DFEH Enf. Div. Directive No. 215 (COMPLAINTS ALLEGING GENDER, RACE, OR ETHNICITY (NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY) DISCRIMINATION IN THE FORM OF PAY INEQUALITIES)(2017)
- © DFEH Enf. Div. Directive No. 216 (REFERRAL OF EQUAL PAY CASES BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING AND THE DIVISION OF LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT (DLSE) (2017)







Goal! PREVENTION! BEST PRACTICES! Improved Communication between the DFFH and all parties of interest! Designed to create a more respectful and successful workplace culture for your organization Lit's not just training, but engagement!

ADDITIONAL LEGAL UPDATES!



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FAIR CHANCE ACT Effective January 2018

The Fair Chance Act (Assembly Bill No. 1008), effective January 1, 2018, added a new section to the Fair Employment and Housing Act (at Government Code § 12952) making it illegal for most employers in California to ask about the criminal record of job applicants before making a job offer. This means ads, job applications, and interview questions cannot include inquiries into an applicant's criminal record.



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AB 2845 Effective January 2019

In the Fair Chance Act (AKA Ban the Box), which is Gov. Code, § 12952 in the FEHA, this bill adds convictions for which the convicted person has received a full pardon or has been issued a certificate of rehabilitation to the list of information that employers may not consider at all when conducting a conviction history background check. (noted 12952 3C)



What Can Employers Ask?

 Employers may ask about an employee's employment history, and may ask for personal references, in addition to other non-discriminatory questions. An interviewer should not ask questions designed to detect a person's gender identity, including asking about their marital status, spouse's name, or relation of household members to one another. Employers should not ask questions about a person's body or whether they plan to have surgery.





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How do employers implement dress codes and grooming standards?

 An employer who requires a dress code must enforce it in a non-discriminatory manner. This means that, unless an employer can demonstrate business necessity, each employee must be allowed to dress in accordance with their gender identity and gender expression. Transgender or gender non-conforming employees may not be held to any different standard of dress or grooming than any other employee





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What are the obligations of employers when it comes to bathrooms, showers, and locker rooms?

 All employees have a right to safe and appropriate restroom and locker room facilities.
This includes the right to use a restroom or locker room that corresponds to the employee's gender identity, regardless of the employee's assigned sex at birth. In addition, where possible, an employer should provide an easily accessible unisex single stall bathroom for use by any employee who desires increased privacy regardless of the underlying reason.



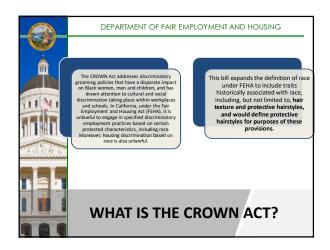
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 Use of a unisex single stall restroom should always be a matter of choice. No employee should be forced to use one either as a matter of policy or due to harassment in a gender-appropriate facility. Unless exempted by other provisions of state law, all single-user toilet facilities in any business establishment, place of public accommodation, or state or local government agency must be identified as all-gender toilet facilities.



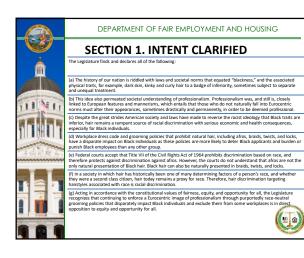












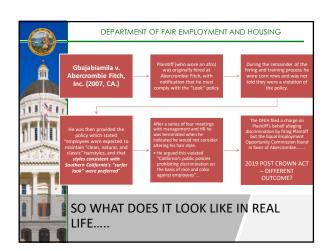
AFFIRMATIVE DECLARATION IN THE LAW

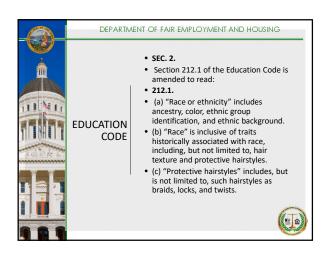


(g) Acting in accordance with the constitutional values of fairness, equity, and opportunity for all, the Legislature recognizes that continuing to enforce a Eurocentric image of professionalism through purportedly race-neutral grooming policies that disparately impact Black individuals and exclude them from some workplaces is in direct opposition to equity and opportunity for all.

















HUMAN TRAFFICKING SB970





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WHAT DOES THE LAW REQUIRE?

By January 1, 2020, an employer shall provide minimally:

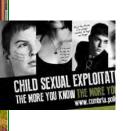
- At least 20 minutes of classroom or other effective interactive training and education regarding human trafficking awareness to each employee who is likely to interact or come into contact with victims of human trafficking and who is employed as of July 1, 2019; and
- Within six months of his or her employment in that role, to each new employee who is likely to interact or come into contact with victims of human trafficking.
- After January 1, 2020, biennially





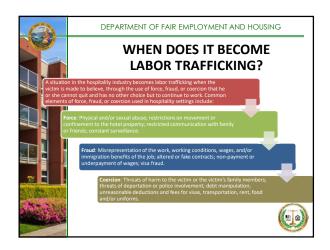
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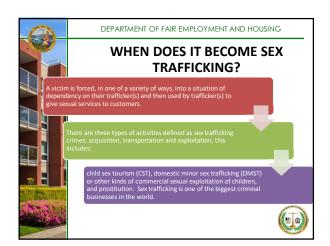
WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN



- HUMAN TRAFFICKING: U.S. Law defines human trafficking as the use o force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts or
- COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN: The one exception involves minors and commercial sex: Inducing a minor into commercial sex: Inducing a minor into commercial sex in regardless of the presence of force, fraud or coercio. Commercial sexual fraud or coercio. Commercial sexual commercial transaction that involves the sexual exploitation of a child, such as the prostitution of children, child nonporranks and the sale and











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