

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING PRE-COMPLAINT INQUIRY EMPLOYMENT

The completion and submission of this Pre-Complaint Inquiry will initiate an intake interview with a Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) representative. The Pre-Complaint Inquiry is not a filed complaint. The DFEH representative will determine if a complaint can be accepted for investigation. Your submission of this document acknowledges that you have read and agree to the DFEH's Privacy Policy.

COMPLAINANT:					
NAME:					TELEPHONE NUMBER:
ADDRESS:					EMAIL ADDRESS:
CITY/STATE/ZIP:					
Do you need a translator during the	complaint process?	Yes	No	If yes, indicate language	
RESPONDENT:					
NAME:					TELEPHONE NUMBER:
ADDRESS:					
CITY/STATE/ZIP:					
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:		TYPE O	EMPL(	DYER:	
ADD CO-RESPONDENT:					
NAME/TITI F	ADDRESS.				TELEPHONE NUMBER:

FIRST DATE OF HARM (Month/Day/Year):

LAST DATE OF HARM (Month/Day/Year):

1. I ALLEGE THAT I EXPERIENCED: Discrimination Harassment Retaliation

#### **BECAUSE OF MY ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED:**

Age - 40 and over

Ancestry

Association with a member of a protected class

Color

Disability (physical or mental)

Engagement in Protected Activity

Family Care or Medical Leave

Genetic Information (information about genetic tests or participation in clinical research or manifestation of disease)

Marital Status

Medical Condition - Including cancer or cancer related medical condition or genetic characteristics (a gene, chromosome or characteristic not presently associated with symptoms of disease)

Military or Veteran Status

National Origin - Including language use restrictions and use and possession of a driver's license issued to persons unable to prove their presence in the U. S. is authorized under federal law

Race

Religion - Includes religious dress and grooming practices

Sex - Gender

Sex - Gender identity or Gender expression

Sex - Includes pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding and/or related medical conditions

Sexual Orientation

#### AS A RESULT, I WAS:

Asked impermissible non-job-related questions

Demoted

Denied a good faith interactive process

Denied a work environment free of discrimination and/or retaliation

Denied continuation of employer-paid health care coverage while on pregnancy disability leave

Denied employment

Denied equal pay

Denied family care or medical leave

Denied or forced to transfer

Denied pregnancy leave

Denied promotion

Denied reasonable accommodation

Denied reinstatement

Denied the right to wear pants

Forced to quit

Laid-off

Terminated

Tested for genetic characteristics

Other (specify)

2. Do you have an attorney who agreed to represent you in this matter? Yes No

If yes, please provide the attorney's contact information.

#### COMPLAINANT'S REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Attorney Name:

Attorney Firm Name:

Attorney Address:

Attorney City, State, and Zip:

3.	Briefly describe what you believe to be the reason(s) for the discrimination, harassment or retaliation. (Optional)	

# **DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

THIS INFORMATION IS OPTIONAL AND IS ONLY USED FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

Primary	Language:
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Age:

#### **GENDER:**

Male Female Other

#### **MARITAL STATUS:**

Single Married Cohabitation Divorced

#### RACE:

American Indian, Native American or Alaskan Native Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White Other

#### **NATIONAL ORIGIN:**

Afghani National Origin American [U.S.A.] National Origin Asian Indian National Origin Bangladeshi National Origin Cambodian National Origin Canadian National Origin Chinese National Origin Cuban National Origin **Dominican National Origin** Egyptian National Origin English National Origin Ethiopian National Origin Fijian National Origin Filipino National Origin German National Origin Ghanaian National Origin Guamanian National Origin Haitian National Origin Hawaiian National Origin **Hmong National Origin** Indonesian National Origin Iranian National Origin

#### **ETHNICITY:**

Hispanic or Latino
Non-Hispanic or Latino
Italian National Origin

Jamaican National Origin Japanese

National Origin Korean National Origin

Laotian National Origin

Lebanese National Origin Malaysian

National Origin

Mexican National Origin
Nigerian National Origin
Other National Origin
Other African National Origin
Other Asian National Origin
Other Caribbean National Origin
Other European National Origin
Other Hispanic/Latino National
Origin Other Middle Eastern National

Origin Pakistani National Origin

Puerto Rican National Origin

Salvadoran National Origin Samoan

National Origin

Sri Lankan National Origin Syrian National Origin Taiwanese National Origin

Thai National Origin

Tongan National Origin Vietnamese

National Origin

Iraqi National Origin Irish National Origin Israeli National Origin

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## **DISABILITY:**

AIDS or HIV

Blood / Circulation

Brain / Nerves / Muscles

Digestive / Urinary / Reproduction

Hearing

Heart

Limbs [ Arms / Legs ]

Mental

Sight

Speech / Respiration

Spinal / Back / Respiration

Other Disability

## **RELIGION:**

Agnostic Nonreligious
Atheist Protestantism
Bahai Primal-indigenous

Buddhism Quakers

Catholicism Rastafarianism

Christianity Spiritism
Confucianism Shinto
Hinduism Sikhism
Islam Taoism

Jehovah's Witness Unitarian-Universalism

Judaism Zoroastrianism

Neo-Paganism Other

# **California Department of Fair Employment & Housing Privacy Policy**

The California Department of Fair Employment & Housing (DFEH) has adopted this Privacy Policy, effective January 1, 2017. DFEH values the security and privacy of your personal information and is committed to protecting your privacy rights. The DFEH seeks only to collect relevant personal information that enables us to assist you in investigating and resolving complaints of discrimination as prescribed by California Government Code sections 11135 et seq., 12900 et seq., and California Civil Code sections 51, 51.7, 52.5, and 54 et seq.

All personal information we collect is governed by the State of California Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civ. Code, §§ 1798-1798.78), Government Code sections 11015.5and 11019.9, and the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 6250 et seq.).

Outlined below is our online Privacy Policy and Notice:

- Legal Authority for Collection and Use of Information
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- Effective date

## **Legal Authority for Collection and Use of Information**

We collect information that may be directly associated with a specific person. We call this "Personal Information," and it includes, names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. We collect this Personal Information through lawful means from individuals who seek to file a complaint with the DFEH, and we use this information to establish jurisdiction and to conduct an investigation of any allegations of Civil Rights violations. If you seek to file a complaint, you are required to provide us with sufficient information in accordance with California Government Code sections 11135 et seq., 12900 et seq., and California Civil Code sections 51, 51.7, 52.5, and 54 et seq.

#### **Disclosure and Sharing**

We do not sell your personal information. Government Code section 11015.5, subdivision (6), prohibits DFEH and all state agencies from distributing or selling any electronically collected personal information about users to any third party without the permission of the user. Any distribution of electronically collected personal information will be solely for the purposes for which it was provided to us, as described below.

We also may share your personal information under the following circumstances:

1. You give us permission.

- 2. We receive a request from a party with legal authority to obtain the information, such as a subpoena.
- 3. As authorized by law, it is transferred to / shared with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board, the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Justice, or any branch of the California State Government, or any other local or Federal agency with similar jurisdiction.
- 4. Non personal information, including the allegations in the complaint document itself, may be disclosed to the public under the California Public Records Act.

## What happens to information you submit to us?

The Personal Information we obtain from you will be used for the purposes for which it was provided: to further the DFEH's efforts to investigate and attempt to resolve the allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment and/or retaliation that you filed. Electronically collected Personal Information we gather about visits to our website is used to help us improve the user experience and for basic web metrics of our website.

#### Links

Our website may contain links to other websites on the Internet that are owned and operated by third parties. DFEH does not control the privacy policies or practices of these websites. You are advised to review the privacy policies of the third party offering the website before providing any personal information to these websites. DFEH is not responsible for the content or practices of any linked third party website and such third party websites are provided solely for the convenience and information to our visitors.

#### **Cookies**

We do not collect information such as names, addresses, and emails from individuals browsing DFEH's website. However, when you visit our website, a "cookie" may be saved on your computer. A cookie is a tiny piece of data stored by your browser that helps us recognize your unique computer and your preferences when using our website. The information DFEH automatically collects may include the type of browser used, date and time you visited the site, and web pages you visited. This information is collected to improve the user experience and for basic web metrics. The information is deleted after 30 days. This type of electronic information collection is permitted by law and is exempt from requests made under the Public Records Act.

You can refuse the cookie or delete the cookie file from your computer after you visit our website. You can find instructions for managing cookie controls on websites for particular browsers. For example:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer browsers
- Macintosh Safari browsers
- Mozilla Firefox browsers

#### **Public Disclosure**

In the State of California, laws exist to ensure that government is open and that the public has a right to access appropriate records and information possessed by state government. At the same time, there are exceptions to the public's right to access public records.

These exceptions serve various needs including maintaining the privacy of individuals. Both state and federal laws provide exceptions. All information collected at this site becomes a public record that may be subject to

inspection and copying by the public, unless an exemption in law exists. In the event of a conflict between this Privacy Notice and the Public Records Act, the Information Practices Act and/or other law governing the disclosure of records, the Public Records Act, the Information Practices Act and/or other applicable law will control.

#### **Minors**

We recognize the importance of protecting privacy where minors (a person under 18 years of age) are involved. We are committed to protecting the privacy of minors and do not knowingly collect personal information from minors or create profiles of minors through our website. Users are cautioned, however, that the collection of personal information submitted online or in an e-mail will be treated as though it was submitted by an adult. DFEH strongly encourages parents, guardians and adults to be involved in the internet activities of their children or other minors they are responsible for and to provide guidance whenever minors are asked to provide personal information online. If you believe a minor has provided us with personal information, we ask that a parent or guardian contact us at 1-800-884-1684.

## Security

DFEH has put security measures in place to safeguard and protect your information from unauthorized access, disclosure, and loss. Our policy limits access to personal information to employees who have an established business need for the Personal Information including those directly involved in the filing, investigation, resolution and/or litigation of your complaint. Information that is physically located within the DFEH is protected by various security measures, which may include the use of encryption software to protect the security of an individuals' personal information during transmission and storage. Personal Information is destroyed according to the DFEH's records retention policy, and we only retain these records for as long as necessary to fulfill our business need. We train our employees on procedures and management of personal information we collect as well as on taking precautions and complying with limitations on the release of personal information.

## **Access and Corrections to your Personal Information**

You have the right to review any Personal Information we collect about you. If you request all or a portion of the Personal Information collected about you by the DFEH, we will provide you with the Personal Information requested and explain how we use the information. You may request changes to your Personal Information you believe is incorrect by submitting a written request that credibly shows the error. If you believe that your Personal Information is being used for a purpose other than what you intended when you submitted it, you may contact us to so we can rectify the misuse. In all cases, we will take reasonable steps to verify your identity before granting access or making corrections.

## How to contact us if you have any questions regarding this policy

If you have any questions or concerns about the information presented in this Privacy Notice, you may contact:

DFEH Privacy Officer 2218 Kausen Drive, Suite 100 Elk Grove, CA 95758 1-800-884-1684

# **Changes to our Privacy Policy**

We may update and revise our Privacy Policy. We will post any privacy policy changes on this page and, if the changes are significant, we will provide a more prominent notice.

## **Effective date**

January 1, 2017