

Non-exhaustive Examples of Bullying and Harassment

With reference to paragraph 3(2)(b) of this Code –

(1) Examples of bullying behaviour include, without limitation:

- spreading malicious rumours, or insulting someone by word or behaviour
- ridiculing or demeaning someone – picking on them or setting them up to fail
- exclusion or victimisation
- unfair treatment
- overbearing supervision or other misuse of power or position
- unwelcome sexual advances – touching, standing too close,
- display of offensive materials, asking for sexual favours, making decision on the basis of sexual advances being accepted or rejected.
- making threats or comments about job security without foundation
- deliberately undermining a competent worker by overloading or constant criticism
- preventing individuals progressing by intentionally blocking promotion or training opportunities
- invading someone’s personal space
- speaking to someone in an overbearing manner
- using aggressive body language
- undermining or belittling someone

(2) Examples of harassment include, without limitation:

- making abusive, derogatory, patronising, suggestive or sexualised comments or sounds
- making offensive jokes or insulting gestures or facial expressions
- ridicule
- offensive e-mails, tweets or comments on social networking sites
- trolling via social networking sites
- threats of aggression or intimidation
- making false and malicious assertions
- intrusive questioning about private matters
- display of offensive material
- unwanted comments on dress or appearance

Definition of 'improperly influence'

- To induce another person through the use of, for example, threats or bribery to give consideration to or to act on any basis other than the merits of the matter.
- To bring undue pressure upon a person to try to get them to do something that they wouldn't normally do.