ONTARIO’S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT: PREVENTION AND RESOLUTION OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

1.0 PURPOSE

Trillium Lakelands District School Board believes in the prevention of workplace violence and promotes a violence-free workplace in which all people respect one another and work together to achieve common goals. Any act of workplace violence is unacceptable conduct. Workplace violence in any form erodes the mutual trust and confidence that are essential to the well-being of our staff.

As defined by the Occupational Health and Safety Act, workplace violence is:

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c) A statement or behaviour that it is reasonable for a worker to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against a worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to a worker.

This procedure applies to all work activities that occur while on Board premises, or while engaging in workplace activities or workplace social events.

This procedure applies to all members of the Board community, including but not limited to trustees, employees, students, visitors such as parents and community members, volunteers, permit holders, contractors and employees of other organizations who work on or are invited onto Board property.

Trillium Lakelands DSB is committed to develop and maintain a program to implement this procedure with respect to workplace violence, and to meeting the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

Other related policies of the Board which support this policy are:

- Board Crisis and Emergency Preparedness Policy BD-2070
- Code of Conduct Policy OP-6020
- Employee Assistance Policy HR-4005
- Health and Safety Policy BU-3050
- Occupational Health and Safety Act: Prevention and Resolution of Workplace Harassment Policy HR-4030
• Ontario Human Rights Code: Prevention and Resolution of Employee Discrimination and Harassment –HR-4010
• Progressive Discipline Policy HR-4535
• Responding to Student Violence Towards Staff Policy HR-4519
• Safe Schools: Physical Intervention Guidelines for Responding to Injurious and Self Injurious Behaviour of Students Policy OP-6550
• Video Surveillance Policy OP-6025

2.0 REFERENCES AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

2.1 Relevant sections of Education and Employment Statutes and Regulations of Ontario include:

a) Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act (Violence and Harassment in the Workplace), 2010
b) Ontario Human Rights Code
c) Education Act: Section 301: Safe Schools Act; Section 283-CEO; Section 264 – Duties of a Teacher; Section 265 – Duties of a Principal
d) Ontario Schools Code of Conduct
e) Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
f) Criminal Code of Canada
g) The following Acts and Regulations:
   i) Ontario College of Teachers Act and Regulations
   ii) Ontario College of Social Work and Social Service Work Act and Regulations
   iii) Ontario College of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists Act and Regulations
   iv) Ontario College of Psychologists Act and Regulations
   v) Teaching Profession Act
   vi) Ontario College of Early Childhood Educators

2.2 Related Board Policies and Procedures are:

c) Progressive Discipline Procedure HR-4535
d) Acceptable Use – Electronic Communication Policy BU-3035 and Procedure BU-3036
g) School Councils Policy OP-6015 and School Councils Procedure OP-6016; School Councils Communication with Central Staff Procedure BD-2022 (see also School Councils: A Guide for Members)


i) Responding to Student Violence towards Staff Policy HR-4519 and Responding to Student Violence towards Staff Procedure HR-4520


k) Employee Assistance Program Policy HR-4005 and Employee Assistance Program Procedure HR-4006

l) Health and Safety Policy BU-3050

m) Video Surveillance Policy OP-6025 and Video Surveillance Procedure OP-6026

2.3 Union/Federation Collective Agreements, Employee Terms of Employment and Personal Services Contracts.

2.4 Other deemed appropriate documents, as developed from this point forward, may also be pertinent.

3.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

3.1 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

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3.2 DEFINITION OF WORKPLACE

This procedure applies to all work activities that occur while on Board business, or workplace social events wherever a work-related function is performed.
3.3 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

A person who has a personal relationship with a worker – such as a spouse or former spouse, current or former intimate partner or a family member – who may physically harm, or attempt or threaten to physically harm that worker at work. In these situations, domestic violence is considered workplace violence.

3.4 RISK ASSESSMENT

An assessment of the risks of workplace violence including the nature of the workplace, type of work or conditions of work and taking into consideration the circumstance of the workplace, circumstances common to similar workplaces, and other elements prescribed in regulation.

3.4.1 Nature of the workplace - refers to the physical aspects of the workplace that could be used to hurt workers.

3.4.2 Type of work - refers to the activities workers perform and people with whom workers interact.

3.4.3 Conditions of work – refers to other aspects such as hours worked, the surrounding neighbourhood and whether workers move from location to location, work alone or in isolation.

3.4.4 Circumstances specific to the workplace – refers to unique risks of workplace violence in addition to the common risks.

3.5 RIGHT TO REFUSE

The right and requirements of employees to refuse to work when they have reason to believe their health and safety is in danger in accordance with the criteria defined by Section 43(3) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

3.6 RATING SCALE

A scale to determine the likelihood of violence in the workplace, and to assist in deciding the nature of the controls to be put in place. The scale rates the risk of workplace violence as low, moderate, or high, according to the following definitions, which rely on a combination of frequency and severity.

Low: One or more potential risks which rarely place a worker at risk of workplace violence, and/or the risk of workplace violence is minimal. The risk of workplace violence is not related to a normal part of the work routine, and/or there is minimal potential for intervention or first aid to be required.
Moderate: One or more potential risks of workplace violence which may occasionally place a worker at risk of workplace violence, and/or the risk of workplace violence is possible. The risk of workplace violence may be related to a normal part of the work routine on an infrequent basis, and/or there is moderate potential for intervention, or first aid or medical aid to be required.

High: One or more potential risks of workplace violence which may regularly place a worker at risk of workplace violence, and/or the risk of workplace violence is related to a normal part of the work routine on a regular basis, and/or there is a high potential for intervention(s), or medical aid to be required.

3.7 THRESHOLD ASSESSMENT

A threshold assessment is an initial evaluation conducted by the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) which is used to determine whether a complaint is covered by this policy/procedure and, if so, whether it is sufficient to warrant formal investigation.

3.8 PERSONAL INFORMATION

Information that must be provided to a worker about a risk of workplace violence from a person with a history of violent behaviour if the worker can expect to encounter that person in the course of work, and if the worker may be at risk of physical injury. Personal information may be disclosed, but only what is reasonably necessary to protect the worker from physical injury.

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

4.1 APPLICATION

This procedure applies to all members of the Board community, including but not limited to, trustees, employees, students, visitors such as parents and community members, volunteers, permit holders, contractors and employees of other organizations wherever a work-related function is being performed.

4.2 GENERAL DUTIES OF WORKPLACE PARTIES

The Occupational Health and Safety Act sets out the general duties for an:

a) Employer under Section 25;
b) Supervisor under Section 27; and
c) Worker under Section 28.

These general duties also apply to workplace violence.
4.3 ASSESSING THE RISKS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

4.3.1 It is the responsibility of the employer to:

a) Assess the risk of workplace violence that may arise from the nature of the workplace, type of work or conditions of work;
b) Take into account the circumstances of the workplace and circumstances common to similar workplaces, as well as any other elements prescribed in regulation;
c) Develop measures and procedures to control identified risks that are likely to expose a worker to physical injury. These measures and procedures must be part of the workplace violence program;
d) The employer must advise the Joint Health and Safety Committee of the assessment results;
e) Employers must repeat the assessment as often as necessary to ensure the workplace violence policy and related program continue to protect workers from workplace violence and inform the Joint Health and Safety Committee, Health and Safety representative, or workers of the results of the re-assessment.

4.3.2 It is the responsibility of the Principal/Workplace Supervisor to:

a) Assess the risks of workplace violence at the school or worksite using the Assessment Checklist attached (Appendix A);
b) Provide a completed Assessment Checklist to the Human Resources Administrator (or designate);
c) Review the assessment at least annually;
d) Re-assess as necessary to protect workers from workplace violence.

4.3.3 A re-assessment should be undertaken if:

a) The workplace moves or the existing workplace is renovated or reconfigured;
b) There are significant changes in the type of work;
c) There are significant changes in the conditions of work;
d) There is new information on the risks of workplace violence; and/or
e) A violent incident indicates a risk related to the nature of the workplace, type of work, or conditions of work that was not identified during an earlier assessment.
4.3.4 It is the responsibility of the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) to:

a) Conduct, as necessary, a survey of employees to determine the extent of which employees feel their workplace is safe (Appendix B, Sample Survey);
b) Review, as necessary, the results of safe school or school climate surveys as part of a risk assessment;
c) Collect school and worksite risk assessments, reviews and re-assessments;
d) Review at least annually the effectiveness of the measures and procedures in the workplace violence program;
e) Advise the Joint Health and Safety Committee of the risk assessment or re-assessment results;
f) Provide advice and assistance to Principals/Worksite Supervisors regarding the risk assessment / re-assessment in consultation with the Area Superintendent.

4.3.5 A review or revision of a workplace violence program should be undertaken if:

a) A re-assessment of risks indicates revisions are needed;
b) Workers, or the Joint Health and Safety Committee or Health and Safety representative, indicate measures or procedures are not adequate or are not used;
c) A violent incident shows that measures or procedures are not adequate; and/or
d) The workplace response to a violent incident or complaint shows the reporting or investigation procedures need to be revised.

4.4 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROGRAM

4.4.1 Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act a workplace violence program must include:

a) Measures and procedures to control the risks identified in the assessment as likely to expose a worker to physical injury;
b) Measures and procedures for summoning immediate assistance when workplace violence occurs or is likely to occur;
c) Measures and procedures for workers to report incidents of workplace violence to the employer or supervisor;
d) How the employer will investigate and deal with incidents or complaints of workplace violence; and
e) Any other elements prescribed in regulation.

4.4.2 It is the responsibility of the Board to maintain the program, and to provide support to Principals and Supervisors.
4.4.3 It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that all incidents of workplace violence are documented and reported immediately to the site supervisor and as required to the Joint Health and Safety Committee for the Board.

4.4.4 It is the responsibility of the Principal/workplace Supervisor to:

a) Develop measures and procedures to control the risks identified in the assessment as likely to expose a worker to physical injury (see Appendix A);

b) Develop measures and procedures for summoning immediate assistance when workplace violence occurs or is likely to occur (Appendix C for Sample Measures and Procedures);

c) Follow the Incident/Accident Reporting Procedure BU-3555

4.5 REPORTING INCIDENTS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

4.5.1 Reporting Incidents of Workplace Violence:

a) All employees have a responsibility to report an incident or complaint of workplace violence immediately to their Principal/Supervisor;

b) Employees shall follow the reporting requirements in the Incident/Accident/Injury Reporting and Investigation Procedures BU-3555.

4.5.2 In the case of the exercise or attempt to exercise physical force against a worker, in a workplace, that causes or could cause physical injury to the worker, employees shall complete and submit the Employee Workplace Incident/Accident/Illness Reporting Form (Appendix D).

4.6 REPORTING COMPLAINTS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

4.6.1 Employees shall notify their Principal/Supervisor immediately, in writing or verbally, of a statement or behaviour that a worker could reasonably interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against the worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to a worker.

4.6.2 The Principal/Supervisor shall immediately take steps to protect the safety of the complainant and follow, as appropriate, the steps as outlined in Section 4.8 – Investigation Complaints of the Threat of Workplace Violence.

4.6.3 Employees shall submit a formal complaint to the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) in the case of a statement or behaviour that it is reasonable for a worker to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against a worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to a worker (Appendix E).
4.7 INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF INCIDENTS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

4.7.1 The Principal/Supervisor shall follow the investigation requirements in the Incident/Accident/Injury Reporting and Investigation Procedures BU 3555 in the case of the exercise or attempt to exercise physical force against a worker, in a workplace, that causes or could cause physical injury to the worker.

4.7.2 Principals/Supervisors shall complete and submit the Workplace Incident Supervisor’s Investigation Report (Appendix F).

4.7.3 It is the responsibility of all those involved in the investigation process to maintain confidentiality.

Once the investigation is completed, a summary of the findings and any action taken should be provided to the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) for sharing with the Joint Health and Safety Committee. The report should not include any personal or identifying information relevant to the victim and/or the perpetrator.

4.8 INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS OF THE THREAT OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

4.8.1 Avenues for Resolving Disputes

In accordance with the Policy, these Procedures provide a mechanism for dealing with complaints of the threat of workplace violence occurring in the working and learning environment. Nothing in these Procedures denies or limits access to other avenues of redress available under the law or through the filing of a grievance or through progressive discipline. In such a case, this process may cease until the parties and their respective representatives have met with the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) to determine which dispute resolution process will proceed and which one(s) will be stayed pending completion of the chosen process.

4.8.2 Who May Initiate a Complaint

All employees have access to the complaint procedures. Employees who believe that they have been subjected to a threat of workplace violence may report the threat. Anonymous reports will not be entertained for dispute resolution under these Procedures.
4.8.3 Confidentiality

It is the duty of the supervisory and managerial personnel to maintain confidentiality in the complaint process. All complainants, respondents and other persons involved with the complaint processes under these Procedures will ensure that all matters remain confidential. Witnesses should be informed that supervisory and managerial personnel, in obtaining statements, will maintain such statements in confidence, subject to their ability to conduct a full and thorough investigation.

Notwithstanding the above, procedural fairness requires that the respondent to a complaint be apprised of the nature of the complaint and by whom it has been made so that they have an opportunity to speak to the allegations. This may require the disclosure of witness names and statements to the parties.

The Board may be required to provide information obtained during an investigation to an outside agency that has the right to require information otherwise protected by the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

4.8.4 Records

All correspondence and other documents generated under these Procedures must, subject to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, be marked “PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL” and be stored in a locked and secure file in the Human Resources Department. Access to the files is limited to the Human Resources Administrator (or designate).

Where an investigation is completed and the determination made that a threat of workplace violence did not occur, the materials collected will be kept for a period of two years. In all other circumstances, all correspondence relating to the matter will remain with the Human Resources Department indefinitely.

4.8.5 Misuse of the Complaint Procedures

If there is a determination on a balance of probabilities that a complaint has been filed in bad faith, the complaint process may discontinue and disciplinary action may occur.

4.8.6 Reprisals

Alleged reprisals shall be investigated as formal complaints and, if substantiated, are subject to the same consequences as complaints.
4.8.7 Resolution Mechanisms

A speedy resolution of a complaint can prevent escalation and further negative consequences while promoting restoration of a healthy learning and working environment.

Supervisory or managerial personnel, as well as union/federation representatives may attempt to facilitate a resolution by:

a) Informing the individual of the complainant’s concern regarding the alleged threat of workplace violence and the Board’s expectation for appropriate behaviour;
b) Providing a copy of the Board’s Workplace Violence Prevention and Resolution Policy and Procedure and/or other relevant Board policies to the individual alleged to have engaged in a threat of workplace violence;
c) Obtaining a commitment that the behaviour will stop; and
d) Following up with the complainant to ensure that the behaviour has stopped.

In cases where a plan of action is implemented, supervisory and managerial personnel shall follow up by monitoring the situation, holding, if necessary, subsequent meetings with the parties and taking further steps to ensure the behaviour has stopped and the employee is safe.

For complaints, where the parties are members of a union, federation, middle and senior management groups, or principal’s council, a resolution facilitated by the appropriate representative(s) will be acceptable to the Board, if acceptable to the parties.

At any time during the process, the Complainant and Respondent may mutually agree to drop the complaint.

4.8.8 Formal Complaints

Employee complainants shall contact their appropriate supervisor immediately. Employee complainants should also consider contacting a colleague, their union, federation, professional association, or middle and senior management representative for support. If an employee requires assistance in completing the formal complaint form (Appendix E), another individual such as a colleague, their union, federation, professional association, or middle and senior management representative may assist the complainant in completing the form. If the supervisor is the party alleged to be responsible for a threat of workplace violence or alleged to condone workplace violence, the complaint should be reported to the appropriate manager/supervisor above the supervisor.
Employee respondents may wish to contact the appropriate supervisor, a colleague, union, federation, professional association, or middle and senior management. Employee complainants and employee respondents may request assistance and representation throughout the complaint process.

4.8.9 Respondents to a Complaint

Individuals who are named as respondents in a formal complaint have a right to a written copy of the Formal Complaint Form (Appendix E). In particular, a respondent has a right to know the specifics of an allegation, including times, dates and alleged conduct. Respondents who choose to respond to the allegations must complete and return their response within five working days of receipt of the written copy of the Formal Complaint to the Human Resources Administrator (or designate).

4.8.10 Threshold Assessment

All formal reports filed under this Procedure shall be subject to a threshold assessment within five working days of receipt of the Formal Complaint by the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) to determine whether the alleged conduct would, if proven, meet the definition of a threat of workplace violence.

If the Human Resources Administrator (or designate), following this threshold assessment, determines that the report filed:

- would not, if true, meet the definition of a threat of workplace violence;
- does not provide sufficient details of the alleged threat, provided the complainant is given notice that insufficient details have been provided and is given reasonable time to provide sufficient details;
- is vexatious, frivolous or trivial, has not been made in good faith or would, if investigated, constitute an abuse of the Procedure; or
- will be dealt with under another Procedure,

the complainant and respondent shall be so advised and no further action shall be taken under this Procedure. The complainant or respondent still may pursue other avenues for resolution (e.g. grievance, complaint to the appropriate College, union judicial procedures).
In all cases where the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) has conducted a threshold assessment to determine that a formal complaint should proceed, the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) shall direct the appropriate supervisory and managerial personnel to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the complainant.

4.8.11 Formal Investigation and Resolution

Formal complaints require an investigation of the complaint allegations. The Standard of Proof to be applied is the balance of probabilities. Investigators will be chosen by the Human Resources Administrator (or designate).

In a Formal Investigation, the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) shall ensure that the following steps are taken as soon as possible:

a) take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the complainant;
b) notify the complainant, the respondent and witness(es);
c) ensure that the respondent has a copy of the complaint;
d) provide an opportunity for the respondent to complete and return their response within five working days of receipt to the Human Resources Administrator (or designate);
e) interview the complainant and/or the third party reporting the complaint;
f) interview the respondent;
g) interview witness(es);
h) come to conclusions about whether a specific incident did or did not occur based on a balance of probabilities;
i) provide a written summary of the findings and conclusions to the complainant and to the respondent and give them an opportunity to respond to same; and
j) take appropriate action(s) to resolve the situation.

If the respondent declines to participate in the formal investigative process, the investigation shall proceed. The respondent should be encouraged to participate in the interest of a balanced and fair process.

The Formal Investigation shall cease and the matter shall be declared resolved at any time during the investigation, if the complainant and respondent can reach a mutually agreed upon resolution supported by the investigator.

4.8.12 Outcomes in Formal Investigations

In the event a complaint is not substantiated, no further action will be taken, subject to the section on maintaining records, unless the complaint is found to be trivial, vexatious or an abuse of power.
However, if there is a need to restore a positive learning or working environment, appropriate steps shall be taken by the Human Resources Administrator (or designate) which might include:

- counselling for the parties;
- application of strategies to restore a positive learning/working environment;
- mediation;
- specific training for the complainant and/or respondent of an employee;
- workshops for the staff in the school/workplace regarding their rights and responsibilities
- permanent separation of respondent and complainant from each other;
- restorative measures;
- legal action.

The appropriate supervisor or manager may impose discipline as appropriate and consistent with the circumstances.

The principles of progressive discipline will be applied in dealing with disciplinary actions under this procedure. These would include the following possibilities:

- verbal warning;
- written reprimand;
- suspension;
- demotion and/or transfer;
- dismissal from employment with the Board.

4.8.12 Review

In the event a complaint or respondent to a formal complaint has one or both of the specific concerns listed below, a request may be made to the Director or designate within ten working days of the final decision to convene a Review. A Reviewer will be appointed by the Director or designate.

The grounds for review are:

a) The investigators fail to comply with these Procedures;
b) New evidence becomes known after the final decision but before the expiry of the ten working days limitation period for requesting a review.

No review of the final decision will be undertaken with regard to the claim that the conclusions drawn by the investigator(s) based on findings of fact were incorrect.
The Reviewer will report his/her findings to the Director or designate, who will affirm or amend the final decision, or require that a new investigation be undertaken. The complainant and the respondent will each receive a copy of the Reviewer’s report.

4.9 INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTION ON WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

4.9.1 The Board shall:

a) Provide appropriate information and instruction to workers on the contents of the workplace violence policy, procedure and program;

b) Provide appropriate information, instruction and supervision to protect a worker;

c) Advise workers of any actual or potential occupational health and safety dangers of which the Principal/Supervisor is aware;

d) Disclose as much information about a person with a history of violent behaviour as needed to protect workers from physical injury while respecting privacy as much as possible.

4.10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Domestic violence occurring in the workplace is recognized by the Occupational Health and Safety Act as workplace violence.

Trillium Lakelands DSB is committed to educating workers regarding domestic violence, and to take every reasonable precaution to protect workers from domestic violence that is likely to expose workers to physical injury in the workplace.

4.10.1 Education

Board employees shall be made aware through posters and literature what domestic violence is, the seriousness of domestic violence, and their responsibilities in informing the appropriate staff when they are reasonably aware that domestic violence may occur in the workplace.

4.10.2 Responsibility

The responsibility for creating and maintaining a workplace environment in which workers are protected from domestic violence that may expose workers to physical injury in the workplace rests with all workers sharing the workplace.
4.10.3 Informing

Workers have a duty to report hazards to their Principal/Supervisor. Section 28(1)d of the Occupational Health and Safety Act reads that, “A worker shall report to his or her employer or supervisor…the existence of any hazard of which he or she knows.” Workers who have information that they, or a fellow worker is subject to domestic violence that may expose them or their fellow workers to physical injury in the workplace have a responsibility to inform their Principal/Supervisor, except where the Principal/Supervisor may be party to the domestic violence, in which case the worker shall inform the appropriate Superintendent/Manager/Supervisor above the Principal/Supervisor.

The Principal/Supervisor will treat all such reports in confidence, and only disclose to Human Resources or others who need to know, information that is necessary for the protection of workers in the workplace.

4.10.4 Fact Finding

Principals/Supervisors who are informed that there is a worker who may be subject to domestic violence in the workplace must gage the nature and extent of the threat. This may require the Principal/Supervisor to interview both the source of the information about the threat, and the worker(s) who may be subject to the risk of domestic violence in the workplace. It may also require more detailed investigations conducted by the Human Resources Administrator (or designate). It is the responsibility of the Principal/Supervisor to make this contact.

The Principal/Supervisor may request from the worker reasonable documentation in the circumstances to assess the risks and to put in place precautions to protect the worker. Such documentation may include a copy of a court order, police report or photograph of the alleged perpetrator.

The Board will make available to all workers information about supports available for victims of domestic violence. Such supports may include the Employee Assistance Program, community counselling, support groups, shelters, and the police. When possible, Principals/Supervisors will remind potential victims of domestic violence in the workplace of these resources.

In all circumstances, a Principal/Supervisor shall tell the victim that if they feel at risk of physical harm whether inside or outside the workplace or at home, the worker should contact the police.
4.10.5 Actions

If there is a threat of domestic violence, the Principal/Supervisor, under advice from Human Resources, will take steps to ensure the victim and other workers are protected. Such steps may include, but are not limited to, warnings, employee transfers, informing police, and requesting restraining orders (see Appendix G).

4.11 WORK REFUSALS

The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* outlines:

a) Employee rights to refuse work;
b) Limitations on some employees right to refuse work;
c) The requirements to be followed when a worker indicates he/she is refusing to work; and
d) Reporting, investigation, documentation and notification responsibilities of the Parties.

Specific steps to follow are found in Protocol for Refusal to Work Procedure BU-3580.

5.0 APPENDICES

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### Risk Assessment Checklists

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**Example of Controls, Procedures, Measures**:
- Protective equipment
- Procedures to report concerns
- Procedures to report incidents
- Documentation required
- Decisions regarding the OHSA overriding privacy concerns and legislation
- Sharing of information

**Handling Money**

- School fund-raising activities:
  - Selling material items
  - School photos
  - School trips
  - Charitable donations
- Staff funds, e.g., coffee fund, special occasions
- School fees, e.g., locks, equipment, supplies, uniforms, etc.
- Registration fees, e.g., night

- Written procedures for classroom collection of monies and provisions of receipts
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EMPLOYEE SURVEY-WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

Trillium Lakelands DSB recognizes that workplace violence represents a real risk. The Board also recognizes that the risk can be minimized or avoided by assessing the risks, putting preventive measures in place to control them, as well as by implementing processes to obtain immediate assistance in case of violence or to report incidences of violence and by keeping staff abreast of potential dangers in the workplace.

In order to identify these risks, the Board asks that all employees complete the following survey, and assures all employees that information provided will be kept strictly confidential. Furthermore, it is left to the discretion of the employee to provide his or her name. However, the location (school/worksite, administrative office or satellite office) must be provided, in order to be able to identify developing trends or if an issue is directly related to that place of employment.

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Name of employee (optional):

Sex: Male □  Female □

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<td>3) In general, do you work alone? (Example, night janitor)</td>
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<td>5) Have you ever witnessed a violent incident in your workplace, between:</td>
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<td>d) Others</td>
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<td>6) Do you have access to your workplace after work hours?</td>
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<td>7) Do you sometimes go in to work on weekends?</td>
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<td>8) If yes, is your supervisor aware of this?</td>
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If yes, please define
9) Do you take any particular measures to ensure your personal safety? Specify:

10) Have you ever been the victim or target of a violent incident in your workplace?

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<th>11) What kind of violent incident were you subjected to?</th>
<th>Who was the aggressor?</th>
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| 11.a) Physical  
Explanation: (Physical force. For example: Hitting or pushing someone violently) | A student | A parent | A colleague | A stranger | Other |
| 11.b) Threats  
Explanation: (Statement/behaviour interpreted as a threat to exercise physical violence (For example: intimidation, anticipating a danger of physical injury)) | A student | A parent | A colleague | A stranger | Other |
| 11.c) Verbal  
Explanation: (Aggressive statement expressed by insults in a loud and offensive tone of voice) | A student | A parent | A colleague | A stranger | Other |

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<td>13) Were you satisfied with the measures taken by your employer following this incident?</td>
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<td>14) Does the employer have procedures in place to ensure the safety of employees? (For example, outdoors locked in daytime)</td>
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<td>15) Do you know where to find these procedures?</td>
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<td>16) Are you aware of the procedure for reporting a violent incident?</td>
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<td>17) Do you find that the measures in place are adequate?</td>
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19) Does the employer keep you informed of potential risks in the workplace?

20) Do you know if the policy with respect to workplace violence is posted?

21) Other comments you’d like to share:

Date: _________________________________
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<td>- Restricts type of information that can be communicated (confidentiality)</td>
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<td><strong>Classroom P.A. System</strong></td>
<td>- Direct link to the main office</td>
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<td>- Simple usage</td>
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<td>- Useful inside the building only</td>
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<td><strong>Individual Cell Phone</strong></td>
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<td>- Few range limitations</td>
<td>- If being attacked, employee may not be able to use – not enough time to dial</td>
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<td>- Can be used to text messages (when speaking is not an option; use with deaf/hard of hearing)</td>
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<td><strong>2-Way Radio (Walkie-Talkie)</strong></td>
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<td>- Sound brings assistance to general area</td>
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<td>- Non-panic type (transmits emergency signal to a receiver) may include two-way communication as well as identification</td>
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**TRILLIUM LAKELANDS DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE INCIDENT / ACCIDENT / ILLNESS REPORTING FORM**

**IMPORTANT:** All employee work-related incidents/accidents/illnesses must be reported on this form and faxed to the Human Resources Department, Lindsay Office (Fax # 324-8913), **IMMEDIATELY**. The original form is to be forwarded by courier. If additional space is required, attach a separate sheet noting specific section number(s).

**PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR PRINCIPAL / SUPERVISOR OF YOUR INCIDENT / ACCIDENT / ILLNESS IMMEDIATELY**

1. Employee Name: 
2. Occupation: 
3. School/Work Site: 
4. Specific Location of Incident/Accident (parking lot, hallway, gym etc.): 
5. Date of Incident (d/m/y): 
6. Time of Incident: 
7. Date Reported (d/m/y): 
8. Time Reported: 
9. Who did you report the Incident/Accident/Illness to? 
10. Type of Incident / Accident / illness: (Please check all that apply) (See reverse for further explanation)
   - Struck by or Contact by
   - Struck Against or Contact with
   - Caught In, Under, On, Between
   - Exposure
   - Lifting or Assisting High Needs Student
   - Field Trip
   - Lifting Equipment / Furniture
   - Slip / Trip / No Fall
   - Student Aggression / Action
   - Slip / Trip / Fall
   - Over Exertion / Strain
11. Describe what you were doing at the time of the incident and the sequence of events that lead to your workplace incident/accident or illness:
12. Please list Body part(s) injured: (State left or right, if applicable)
13. Describe the materials or equipment being used at the time of the Incident / Accident / Illness:
14. Provide name and telephone number of any witnesses: (if known).
15. Did you receive first aid at the workplace? **Yes** **No**
16. Are you going to see a Doctor / Chiropractor / Physiotherapist in regards to your workplace Incident / Accident / Illness? **Yes** **No**
   Where treated?
17. Have you had any similar or related problem, injury or condition? **Yes** **No**
   If yes, provide details:
18. Was any individual who does not work for TLDSB totally or partially responsible for your injury or illness? **Yes** **No**
   Please provide Name and phone number, if known:
19. In your opinion, what caused the workplace incident, accident or illness:

**PLEASE CONTACT THE HR DEPT AT 705-324-6776, EXT. 143, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RETURN TO WORK ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE ACCIDENT OR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PERFORM YOUR REGULAR JOB DUTIES**

**I HAVE INFORMED AND PROVIDED MY PRINCIPAL / SUPERVISOR WITH A COPY OF THIS INCIDENT / ACCIDENT / ILLNESS REPORT**

**Please circle one:** **YES** **NO**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LEGISLATION AND THE WSIB ACT AND REGULATIONS. THE INFORMATION MAY BE RELEASED TO SBCI CONTRACTED BY THE TLDSB FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMS MANAGEMENT.**

_____________________________/_____ /_____
Employee's Signature Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS REPORT FOR YOUR RECORDS
DEFINITION OF INCIDENT / ACCIDENT TYPE CODES

1. INCIDENT - An incident is an unsafe act, an unsafe condition or a combination of both in the work environment which could have resulted in property loss and/or physical harm.

2. FIRST AID INJURY - An injury of such minor nature that treatment can be carried out at the worksite.

3. MEDICAL AID INJURY - A work-related incident which requires treatment or a service outside of the workplace.

4. LOST-TIME INJURY - A work-related injury which results in time lost from work beyond the day of the injury.

5. OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS/DISEASE - An occupational illness/disease is a health problem caused by exposure to a workplace health hazard.

6. STRUCK OR CONTACT BY - A struck or contact by incident is one in which a person has been contacted either abruptly and forcefully by some object in motion (e.g. box falls off shelf, employee jabs pin into finger, person pushing cart runs into person); or, has been contacted non-forcefully by some substance or agent which has an injury-upon-contact characteristic, (e.g. employee is splashed by hot or corrosive solution).

7. STRUCK AGAINST OR CONTACT WITH - A struck against or contact with incident is one in which a person contacts either abruptly and forcefully some object in his surroundings, (e.g. teacher strikes leg against desk, person bumps head against cupboard door); or, comes into contact non-forcefully with some substance or agent capable of producing injury on the basis of mere non-forceful contact, (e.g. electrical shock, hot pipe, employee places hand in hot or corrosive solution).

8. CAUGHT IN, UNDER, ON OR BETWEEN - A caught in, under, on or between incident is one in which:
   a) a person is trapped in some type of enclosure, or a part of a person's body is caught fast in some type of opening, (e.g. a person is caught in an elevator, locked into a room, shut into a boiler)
   b) a person is caught under an object (e.g. a person is caught under a fallen garbage bin or has fingers caught under a window)
   c) a person or some part of their clothing is caught on some producing object (e.g. a person catches hand on sharp edge, catches loose clothing on a revolving spindle or some protruding object)
   d) a person is pinched, crushed or otherwise caught between either a moving object and a stationary object or between two or more moving objects (e.g. person jams fingers between wheeled cart and a doorway, person catches arm in an elevator door, jammed between a loaded moving cart and a wall).

9. FALL - A fall incident can be a foot level fall or a fall to below. A slip or trip would be recorded as a foot level fall. A foot level fall occurs when a person falls on the same level on which he was standing or walking, (e.g. person slips and falls to the floor). A fall to below occurs when a person falls to below the level on which he was standing or walking (e.g. person falls from ladder, window, chair or on the stairs).

10. EXPOSURE - An Exposure incident is one in which the employee is exposed to harmful conditions: i.e a) toxic gases, fumes or vapours; b) contagious conditions; c) extremes of hot or cold; d) oxygen deficient atmospheres; e) radioactive radiation; f) intense light brightness.

11. OVER EXERTION/STRAIN - An over exertion/strain incident is one in which a person puts excessive strain on some part of their body or involves a repetitive body movement (e.g. employee strains back or some part of body lifting a student, equipment, supplies, etc.).

12. STUDENT AGRESSION/ACTION - A student aggression/action incident is one in which the employee is subjected to an untoward action by a student, (e.g. student bites, kicks, scratches, twists, strikes, etc. the employee).

13. FIELD TRIP - A field trip incident is one in which a employee is injured while on a school authorized field trip; is used in combination with another code (e.g. employee slips and falls on ice, when skating on a school trip, would record both Fall and Field Trip code).
The threat of workplace violence was directed towards:

_________________________________________________  (name of Complainant)

_________________________________________________  (worksite or home address)

_________________________________________________  (position)

directed by:  

_________________________________________________  (name of Respondent)

_________________________________________________  (worksite or home address)

_________________________________________________  (position)

This formal complaint is being launched by:

_________________________________________________  (name)

_________________________________________________  (worksite or home address)

_________________________________________________  (position)

INFORMAL RESOLUTION STAGE:

Date Complainant reported behaviour to his/her supervisor:  ____________________________

Name/title of Complainant’s supervisor:  ____________________________________________

Describe the informal resolution attempt and why it failed, if possible:  _____________________

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FORMAL COMPLAINT:

Date of alleged threat of workplace violence: ________________________________________

Description of alleged threat of workplace violence (use verbs to describe each bullet): use additional sheet(s) if necessary

1. ____________________________________________________________________________
2. ____________________________________________________________________________
3. ____________________________________________________________________________
4. ____________________________________________________________________________
5. ____________________________________________________________________________

History:

1. Has the complaint been reported previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No
   2. If yes, by whom? ____________________________________________________________
      (name)
      __________________________________________________________________________
      (worksite or home address)
      __________________________________________________________________________
      (position)

3. To whom? ________________________________________________________________
   (name)
   __________________________________________________________________________
   (worksite or home address)
   __________________________________________________________________________
   (position)

4. When was it reported? ______________________________________________________

5. What actions were taken, if any? ______________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

Employees are strongly encouraged to seek advice from their union, federation, or professional association.

Complainant(s) Signature(s): ___________________________ Date: _____________________

Supervisor(s) Signature(s): ___________________________ Date: _____________________

The information contained in the form is confidential and reasonable steps will be taken to maintain confidentiality in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. This form and any attachments will be copied to the respondent(s) named above, in accordance with the Formal Complaints Process.
WORKPLACE INCIDENT SUPERVISOR’S/PRINCIPAL’S INVESTIGATION REPORT

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERVISOR / PRINCIPAL: COMPLETE & FAX TO HR WITHIN 5 DAYS OF INCIDENT/ACCIDENT

1. This form is to be completed whenever you receive an Employee Incident/ Accident/ Illness Form.
2. If this is a critical injury, Definition: places life in jeopardy; produces unconsciousness; results in substantial loss of blood; involves the fracture of a leg or arm but not a finger or toe; involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand or foot but not a finger or toe; consists of burns to a major portion of the body; or causes the loss of sight in an eye. Please call the Attendance & Disability Officer IMMEDIATELY at 705-324-6776 ext.143
3. Please fax this report to the Attendance & Disability Officer at 705-324-8913, within 5 days of receiving notification of an employee incident/ accident/ illness.
4. Provide a copy of this report to the employee that had the workplace incident/accident/illness.
5. Provide a copy of this report to the Plant Department if you checked off “Consult Plant Department” under the Corrective and Prevention Actions section

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1. WHAT HAPPENED? (GENERAL DESCRIPTION)

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2. WHAT WAS THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT LEAD UP TO IT?

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3. WHO WAS INVOLVED?

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4. WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?

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5. PLEASE PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE IMMEDIATE CAUSE(S):


5a) CAUSES: (Check all that applies): Please note - This section is not designed to lay blame but rather to find the underlying root cause of the incident/accident/illness

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Contacted: __________________________

Date

Contacted: __________________________
6a) Describe how you have or will implement the above action(s) to prevent a recurrence, please include timelines:
### Checklist for Domestic Violence in the Workplace


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|      | **Ensuring members of the board community are aware of examples of domestic violence, e.g.**  
- repeated acts of isolation  
- put-downs  
- threats of violence against the victim, the victim’s children, or others, including family pets  
- hitting, burning, strangling, or throwing things  
- destroying property  
- sexual assault  
- repeated unwanted communications with the victim  
- stalking  
|      | **making members of the board community aware of who the victims of domestic violence may be, e.g.**  
- current or former intimate partners  
- adults and adolescents  
- between people of all racial, economic, educational, and religious backgrounds  
- heterosexual and same sex partners  
- male or female, although women represent the overwhelming majority |
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