# Company Handbook 2024

Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning



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# **Acknowledgement of Receipt**

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning Employee Handbook ("Handbook"). I understand that I am responsible for reading and abiding by all policies and procedures in this Handbook, as well as all other policies and procedures of the Company.

I also understand that the purpose of this Handbook is to inform me of the Company's policies and procedures, and that it is not a contract of employment. Nothing in this Handbook provides any entitlement to me or to any Company employee, nor is it intended to create contractual obligations of any kind.

I understand that the Company has the right to change any provision of this Handbook at any time and that I will be bound by any such changes. I expressly agree to the provisions in the Dispute Resolution section of the Handbook, in which I have agreed to use alternative dispute resolution, in lieu of litigation, as the sole means of resolving any dispute that may arise between the Company and me, subject to the Company's right to seek injunctive relief. I agree to first seek to mediate any dispute with the Company with a mediator from the American Arbitration Association or similar organization trained and experienced in employment disputes. If mediation is not successful, I agree to submit the dispute to arbitration. I understand that by agreeing to arbitration I waive any right I may have to sue or seek a jury trial. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding.

Signature	Date
Full Name (please print)	_

Please sign and date one copy of this acknowledgement and return it to the Personnel. Retain a second copy for your reference.

# Welcome

Welcome to the Team! We wish you every success in your new job, and we hope that you quickly feel at home. This Handbook was developed to describe some of the expectations we have for all of our employees and what you can expect from us. We hope that your experience here will be challenging, enjoyable, and rewarding. Again, welcome!

# Introduction

This Employee Handbook ("Handbook") is a compilation of personnel policies, practices and procedures currently in effect at Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning ("Company"). The Handbook is designed to introduce you to our Company, familiarize you with Company policies, provide general guidelines on work rules, benefits and other issues related to your employment, and help answer many of the questions that may arise in connection with your employment.

This Handbook is not a contract of employment, and does not create a contract of employment. Like most American companies, Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning generally does not offer individual employees formal employment contracts with the Company. This Handbook does not create a contract, express or implied, guaranteeing you any specific term of employment, nor does it obligate you to continue your employment for a specific period of time. The purpose of the Handbook is simply to provide you with a convenient explanation of present policies and practices at the Company. This Handbook is an overview or a guideline. It cannot cover every matter that might arise in the workplace. For this reason, specific questions regarding the applicability of a particular policy or practice should be addressed to Personnel.

The Company reserves the right to modify any of our policies and procedures, including those covered in this Handbook, at any time. We will seek to notify you of such changes by email and other appropriate means. However, such a notice is not required for changes to be effective.

# **Team Andreas**

#### **Our MISSION:**

To be an energetic, hard working team of 110 leaders by 2030. Delivering world class service to our clients and making a positive difference in our community. Allowing profitability to paving the way for shared success and growth; striving to be better today than yesterday!

#### **Our PURPOSE**:

To develop servant leaders who are heroes to our clients; delivering unforgettable experiences and smiles every day!!!

#### **Our VALUES:**

- 1. Integrity- In truth an honesty, treat others as you want to be treated.
- 2. Passionate- Love what you do and inspire greatness.
- 3. Family- Our family serving your family.
- 4. Work Hard- Committed and driven to achieve results for our team and customers.
- 5. Friendly- Give and forgive, have fun and help make others smile.
- 6. Servants heart- Lead with the heart of a servant, serve with the heart of a king.

# Work general policies

## **Employee Privacy Policy (PA)**

In this age of the internet where privacy has become an increasing concern, we take your privacy very seriously. The privacy and security of your personal data ("Personal Information") which we collect from you is important to us. It is equally important that you understand how we handle this data. The Company will not knowingly collect or use Personal Information in any manner not consistent with this policy, as it may be amended from time to time, and applicable laws.

#### **Collection of Information**

In the course of conducting our business and complying with federal, state and local government regulations governing such matters as employment, tax, and insurance, we must collect Personal Information from you. The nature of the information collected varies somewhat for each employee, depending on your employment responsibilities, the location of the facility where you work and other factors. We collect Personal Information from you solely for business purposes, including those related directly to your employment with the Company and those required by governmental agencies.

#### **Use of the Information Collected**

The primary purposes for collection, storage and/or use of your Personal Information include, but are not limited to:

- Human Resources Management. We collect, store, analyze and share (internally) Personal Information in
  order to attract, retain and motivate a highly qualified workforce. This includes recruiting, compensation
  planning, succession planning, reorganization needs, performance assessment, training, employee benefit
  administration, compliance with applicable legal requirements, and communication with employees and/or
  their representatives.
- Business Processes and Management. Personal Information is used to run our business operations including, for example, scheduling work assignments, managing Company assets, reporting and/or releasing public data (e.g., annual reports), and populating employee directories. Information may also be used to comply with government regulation.
- Safety and Security Management. We use such Personal Information as appropriate to ensure the safety and protection of employees, assets, resources and communities.
- Communication and Identification. We use your Personal Information to identify you and to communicate with you.

#### **Limited Disclosure**

The Company acts to protect your Personal Information and ensure that unauthorized individuals do not have access to such information by using security measures to protect Personal Information. We will not knowingly disclose, sell or otherwise distribute your Personal Information to any third party without your knowledge and, where appropriate, your expressed written permission, except where disclosure is reasonably necessary to comply with the law.

#### **Security of Personal Information**

We employ reasonable security measures and technologies, such as password protection, encryption and physical locks, to protect the confidentiality of your Personal Information. Only authorized employees have access to Personal Information. If you are an employee with such authorization, it is imperative that you take the appropriate safeguards to protect such information. Paper and other hard copy containing Personal Information (or any other confidential information) should be secured in a locked location when not in use. Computers and other access points should be secured when not in use by logging out or locking. Passwords and user IDs should be guarded and not shared. When no longer necessary for business purposes, paper and hard copies should be immediately destroyed using paper shredders or similar devices. Do not leave copies in unsecured locations waiting to be shredded or otherwise destroyed. Do not make or distribute unauthorized copies of documents or other tangible medium containing Personal Information. Electronic files containing Personal Information should only be stored on secure computers and not copied or otherwise shared with unauthorized individuals within or outside of the Company.

The Company will make reasonable efforts to secure Personal Information stored or transmitted electronically from hackers or other persons who are not authorized to access such information. The Company will also provide notice of any breach of system security, make necessary determinations, and take any other necessary actions/duties relating to Personal Information.

Any violation or potential violation of this policy should be reported to your immediate supervisor, designated manager or Personnel. The failure by any employee to follow these privacy policies may result in discipline up to and including discharge of the employee. Any questions or suggestions regarding this policy may also be directed to your immediate supervisor, designated manager or Personnel.

## **Inclement Weather Policy**

The Company is open for business unless there is a government-declared state of emergency or unless you are advised otherwise by your supervisor. There may be times when we will delay opening, and on rare occasions, we may have to close. Use common sense and your best judgment when traveling to work in inclement weather.

In the event that the Company's facilities are closed by the Company or the government, employees will not be paid for the day but can used paid time off if available. If the Company's facilities are open and you are delayed getting to work or cannot get to work at all because of inclement weather, the absence will be charged to (1) paid time off or (2) unpaid time off, in that order. You should always use your judgment about your own safety in getting to work.

When severe weather develops or is anticipated to develop during the day and a decision is made by the Company to close before the scheduled end of the business day, you will be can use paid time off if it's available to you. If you elect to leave prior to the time the Company closes, you will be required to use paid time off in an amount equal to the number of hours between the time you left and the time the office closed.

### **Dress Code and Public Image Policy**

As an employee of the Company, we expect you to present a clean and professional appearance when you represent us, whether you are in or outside of the office. You are, therefore, required to dress in appropriate business attire and to behave in a professional, businesslike manner. It is essential that you act in a professional manner and extend the highest courtesy at all times to co-workers, visitors, customers, vendors and clients.

The current Company dress code for our field team is steel toe boots and company uniforms. For our office staff the

dress code is business casual. Please keep in mind that the Company is a professional business office, where clients and others often visit.

Note: Leggings and jeggings are considered to the likeness of pantyhose and should be worn accordingly.

It is the intent of this policy to comply with applicable state, local and federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of color, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, disability, age, genetic information and any other status protected under such laws.

## **Workspace Policy**

Employees are responsible for maintaining the workspace assigned to them. A clean, orderly workspace provides an environment conducive to working efficiently. Employees should keep in mind that their workspace is part of a professional environment that portrays the Company's overall dedication to providing quality service to its clients. Therefore, your workspace should be clean, organized and free of items that are not required to perform your job.

## **Office Equipment Policy**

Certain equipment is assigned to staff depending on the needs of the job, such as a calculator, personal computer, printer and access to our central computers and servers. This equipment is the property of the Company and cannot be removed from the office without prior approval from your supervisor. The Company expects that you will treat this equipment with care and report any malfunctions immediately to staff members equipped to diagnose the problem and take corrective action.

# **Personnel Records Policy**

It is important that the Company maintain accurate personnel records at all times. You are responsible for notifying your immediate supervisor or the Personnel of any change in name, home address, telephone number, immigration status, or any other pertinent information. By promptly notifying the Company of such changes, you will avoid compromise of your benefit eligibility, the return of W-2 forms, or similar inconvenience.

## **Performance Reviews, Salary Reviews Policy**

An employee's first performance review will take place after the first 90 days of employment with the Company. Thereafter, performance reviews will normally be conducted annually. All performance reviews will be completed in writing by your supervisor or manager on the form designated by the Company, and reviewed during a conference with you. Factors considered in your review include the quality of your job performance, your attendance, meeting the requirements of your job description, dependability, attitude, cooperation, compliance with Company employment policies, any disciplinary actions, and year-to-year improvement in overall performance. Compensation increases are given by the Company at its discretion in consideration of various factors, including your performance review.

# **Dispute Resolution Policy**

In a perfect world, every employment relationship would be smooth and harmonious. However, there are times when employees and employers disagree. These disagreements often arise in the context of involuntary employment termination, but there may be disagreements regarding the right to a promotion, expense reimbursement, or on other

#### matters.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, all employees of the Company agree to first seek to mediate any dispute with the Company with a mediator from the American Arbitration Association or similar organization trained and experienced in employment disputes. If mediation is not successful, both the Company and the employee agree to submit their dispute to arbitration. The arbitrator will be chosen from a panel presented by the American Arbitration Association or such other organization as is acceptable to both parties. The cost of the arbitrator will be split between the Company and the employee. Each party will be responsible for its own attorney or other related fees. Both the Company and the employee acknowledge that by agreeing to arbitrate, each gives up its right to litigate their employment dispute in court or to submit it to a jury. The decision of the arbitrator is final and binding.

However, either party may seek to have a court of competent jurisdiction enforce an arbitration award. In addition, the Company retains the right to seek injunctive or other relief in the case of misappropriation of trade secrets or other confidential information, or any other action by an employee which might reasonably be expected to lead to irreparable harm to the Company.

Although we seek to provide a workplace in which all employees feel that they are an important part of the Company and where employees feel fairly treated, there may be times when you have a dispute with a supervisor or the Company which can best be resolved through a formal procedure for dispute resolution. All disputes between any employee and the Company are to be resolved in accordance with the following procedure. Please note, however, that the Company reserves the right to modify this procedure at any time and nothing in this procedure should be construed to constitute a contract between you and the Company or to constitute any part of a contract between you and the Company.

Any dispute between you and the Company may be resolved using this grievance procedure, with the exception of oral reprimands which are not recorded in your personnel file.

A grievance is a complaint by an employee concerning any matter related to the employee's employment with the Company. All grievances must be in writing. Using the form provided by the Company, you must state clearly and concisely all the known facts related to your grievance, including "who, what, where, when and the why." Clearly explain why you disagree with the act or omission that forms the basis for the grievance. Also explain what remedy you are requesting. You must sign and date the grievance.

# **Equal Employment Opportunity Policy (PA)**

The Company is an equal opportunity employer. We will extend equal opportunity to all individuals without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, place of birth, disability, handicap, age, genetic information, use of a guide or support animal, or any other status protected under applicable federal, state or local laws. Our policy reflects and affirms the Company's commitment to the principles of fair employment and the elimination of all discriminatory, harassing and retaliatory practices. Details of our equal employment opportunity policies are further explained in Anti-Discrimination & Harassment.

# **Photo Policy**

At Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning we will require work-related photos to be taken and uploaded into customer account. At no time should photos be taken on customer property that is not related to the home/buildings mechanical system or the job in general.

#### Field Staff Bathroom Use

Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning highly discourages the use of customers' bathrooms. Please use public facilities during travel.

#### **Non Disclosure**

It is very important to Andreas Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning that we protect our confidential business information and trade secrets. Confidential information includes, but is not limited to the following: Compensation/Payroll, Data, Computer Processes, Computer Programs and Codes, Customer Lists, Customer Preferences, Financial Data, and Information Marketing Strategies. This non-disclosure agreement is a condition of your employment. If you improperly use or disclose a trade secret or confidential business information, you will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment and legal action.

# **Progressive Discipline**

Andreas Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning's progressive discipline policy and procedures are designed to provide a structured corrective action process to improve and prevent a recurrence of undesirable employee behavior and performance issues. It has been designed consistent with Andreas Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning organizational values, human resource (HR) best practices and employment laws.

- Step 1: Counseling and verbal warning.
- Step 2: Written warning
- Step 3: Suspension and/or final written warning
- Step 4: Recommendation for termination

### **Driving Policy**

#### Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning Driving Policy

Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning has made a commitment of safety, service, and quality to both our employees and customers. Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning insists that both our employees and non-employees operate all vehicles owned by or used by Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning in a safe and economical manner. The following summarizes policy guidelines:

- Vehicles are not to be operated unless in a safe operating condition.
- Drivers must be physically and mentally able to drive safely.
- Drivers must conform to all traffic laws and allowances made for adverse weather and traffic conditions.
- Respect the rights of other drivers and pedestrians. Courtesy is contagious.
- Drivers may not use drugs or alcohol, or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, while operating a vehicle.

#### **Accidents**

All accidents are to be reported to management of Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning within twenty-four (24) hours after the accident occurs. All accidents will be reviewed and a determination made as either preventable or non-preventable which result from factors outside of a driver's control.

A preventable accident is defined as an accident in which the driver failed to do everything reasonably possible to avoid it.

#### **Driver Standards**

Employees who qualify as a driver may be evaluated and selected based on their driving ability and history. Motor Vehicle Records (MVRs) will be checked periodically on anyone where driving for company use is a part of their job. The MVR will be reviewed to determine whether the driver holds a valid license and their driving record is within the parameters set by company management. MVRs that reveal the following will disqualify the driver from using vehicles for company use for Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning:

- a. Within the past 3 years:
- Three (3) or more traffic violations and/or at fault accidents for drivers age 25 and older
- Two (2) or more traffic violations and/or at fault accidents for drivers age 18 through 24
- One (1) or more traffic violation and/or at fault accidents for drivers 17 and under

OR -

- b. One or more violations or convictions of the following type of serious offenses within the past 3 years will disqualify the driver from driving vehicles for company use for Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning:
- Driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance
- Refusal to submit to test for alcohol or controlled substances as required (e.g., Failure to take a Chemical Test, Blood Test, or Breath Analyzer Test)
- Leaving the scene of an accident without reporting it
- Homicide, assault, or criminal negligence resulting from the operation of a vehicle
- Using a motor vehicle to commit a felony
- Driving while license is suspended or revoked
- Reckless driving as defined by state or local law, including, but not limited to, offenses of driving a motor vehicle in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of property or persons
- Racing
- Passing a stopped school bus
- Illegal possession, transportation or unlawful use of a controlled substance

Drivers with other violations, convictions and/or at-fault accidents within the past three years may also exceed our driver standards. Examples include, but are not limited to, distracted driving violations, cell phone violations, and seat belt violations, but do not include such non-moving violations such as weight violations, no insurance violations, administrative type violations, or improper or inadequately maintained equipment violations.

We deeply value the safety and well-being of all employees. Due to the increasing number of accidents resulting from distracted driving and the use of mobile devices, it is our company policy that you not engage in activities that cause you to become distracted when driving, including, but not limited to:

- Sending or reading text messages
- Using a hand held mobile device for either outgoing or incoming calls
- Using cell phones and other devices for social media and other forms of entertainment
- Adjusting or programming controls of audio or navigation systems
- · Searching for and/or reaching for items in the vehicle
- Eating or drinking beverages
- Reading maps or other printed material

The above restrictions apply anytime the vehicle is in motion. It is our company policy that, in all circumstances, you pull the vehicle over to a safe area prior to engaging in these activities. Employees are also expected to follow all state laws regarding mobile device usage. Any violation of these mobile device state laws or the restrictions listed above may be grounds for termination.

#### **Vehicle Usage**

Your primary responsibility when driving a motor vehicle for our organization is driving the vehicle safely. Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning has developed the following expectations for you as a driver to help ensure company-owned vehicles and/or those used by company employees will be operated in a safe and economical manner.

- Seat belts must be worn at all times when the vehicle is in motion.
- Defects and needed repairs of any company vehicle will be reported to management so necessary repairs can be made.
- Cargo must be secured and doors locked while en route and when company vehicles are parked.
- All accidents must be reported to the manager consistent with Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning's Accident Reporting Policy.
- You, the employee, may be held responsible for damages to vehicle(s) resulting from preventable accidents as determined by Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning's accident review process. All traffic violations received will be paid by you, the employee.
- No permission may be given for any other person, including family members, to drive company vehicles. Specific permission must be obtained from company management for any personal use of a company vehicle.
- The use of radar detectors is forbidden in all vehicles owned or used by the company. Use of a radar detector will result in revoked driving privileges.
- Hitchhikers and passengers, other than company employees or authorized persons, are not permitted in company vehicles.

#### Company consequences for failing to follow company policy:

- Employees may be transferred to a non-driving position.
- Employees may be given warnings prior to being terminated for violation of the policy.
- Employees who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.
- Employees who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action including termination.

All current drivers of Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning and Air-Conditioning's Driving Policy retained in a management file.	must have a signed copy of Andreas Plumbing, Heating
Your signature below certifies your agreement to comply with this polic failing to do so.	y, and you are willing to accept the consequences of
Employee Signature:	Date:
Employee Name (printed):	<u> </u>

# **Technology**

## **Email Policy**

The email system is the property of the Company. All emails are archived on the server in accordance with our records retention policy, and all emails are subject to review by the Company. You may make limited use of our email system for personal business matters, so long as such use is kept to a minimum and does not interfere with your work.

The Company email system is Company property, and as such, is subject to monitoring. System monitoring is done for your protection and the protection of the rights or property of the provider of these services. Please consider this when conducting personal business using Company hardware and software.

Electronic mail is like any other form of Company communication, and may not be used for harassment or other unlawful purposes. Your email account is a Company-provided privilege, and is Company property. Remember that when you send email from the Company domain, you represent the Company whether your message is business-related or personal.

#### **Confidentiality of Electronic Mail**

As noted above, electronic mail is subject at all times to monitoring, and the release of specific information is subject to applicable laws and Company rules, policies and procedures on confidentiality. Existing rules, policies and procedures governing the sharing of confidential information also apply to the sharing of information via commercial software.

## **Social Media Policy**

The term "social media" includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the internet, including to your own or someone else's web log or blog, journal or diary, personal website, social networking or affinity website, web bulletin board, or a chat room, whether or not associated or affiliated with the Company, as well as any other form of electronic communication. The same principles and guidelines found in the Company rules, policies and procedures apply to an employee's social media activities online.

Any conduct that adversely affects an employee's job performance or the performance of fellow employees, or otherwise adversely affects the Company's legitimate business interests, may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Similarly, inappropriate postings, including but not limited to discriminatory remarks, harassment, and threats of violence, or similar inappropriate or unlawful conduct, will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination. However, this restriction will not apply to any postings made in the exercise of any rights granted to an employee by federal law.

### **Telephone Policy**

Access to the Company telephone system is given principally for work-related activities or approved educational/training activities. Incidental and occasional personal use is permitted. This privilege should not be abused and must not affect the employee's performance of employment-related activities. Telephone usage should be based upon cost-effective practices that support the Company's mission and should comply with applicable rules and regulations.

You should use common sense and your best judgment when making or receiving personal cellular phone calls at work. To the extent possible, employees should make personal cellphone calls during their breaks or lunch times. The use of cameras on cell phones during work hours is prohibited to protect the privacy of the Company as well as of fellow employees. However, this restriction will not apply to any recordings made in the exercise of any rights granted to an employee by federal law.

The Company telephone system is at all times the property of the Company. By accessing the telephone system through facilities provided by the Company, you acknowledge that the Company has the right to monitor its telephone system from time to time to ensure that employees are using the system for its intended purposes.

The Company prohibits the use of handheld cellular devices while driving. Employees are strongly encouraged to use a hands-free cellular device while driving, should the use become a necessity in the course of employment. Sending and/or receiving text messages is expressly prohibited while operating any vehicle.

## **Internet Policy**

Access to the internet is given principally for work-related activities or approved educational/training activities. Incidental and occasional personal use and study use is permitted. This privilege should not be abused and must not affect the employee's performance of employment-related activities.

#### **Right to Monitor**

The Company email and internet system is at all times the property of the Company. By accessing the internet, intranet and electronic mail services through facilities provided by the Company, you acknowledge that the Company (by itself or through its Internet Service Provider) may from time to time monitor, log and gather statistics on employee internet activity and may examine all individual connections and communications. Please note that the Company uses email filters to block spam and computer viruses. These filters may from time to time block legitimate email messages.

### Responsibilities and Obligations

Employees may not access, download or distribute material that is illegal, or which others may find offensive or objectionable, such as material that is pornographic, discriminatory, harassing, or an incitement to violence.

You must respect and comply with copyright, trademark and similar laws, and use such protected information in compliance with applicable legal standards. When using web-based sources, you must provide appropriate attribution and citation of information to the websites. Software must not be downloaded from the internet without the prior approval of qualified persons within the Company.

#### **Violation of this Policy**

In all circumstances, use of internet access and email systems must be consistent with the law and Company policies. Violation of this policy is a serious offense and, subject to the requirements of the law, may result in a range of sanctions, from restriction of access to electronic communication facilities to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

# Safety and substance abuse

# **Smoking Policy**

In order to provide a safe and comfortable working environment for all employees, smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited at all times inside any Company building, or within 20 feet of any building entrance, window, or ventilation system. Smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited at all times when on customer property whether it be indoor or outdoors and while in company vehicles.

## **Drug-Free Workspace Policy**

The Company takes the problem of drug and alcohol abuse seriously, and is committed to providing a substance abuse-free workplace for its employees. Substance abuse of any kind is inconsistent with the behavior expected of our employees, subjects all employees and visitors to our facilities to unacceptable safety risks, and undermines our ability to operate effectively and efficiently. The Company has adopted a formal policy related to substance abuse. A copy of the complete policy is contained in this Handbook.

### **Substance Abuse Policy**

The Company recognizes alcohol and drug abuse as potential health, safety and security problems. The Company expects all employees to assist in maintaining a work environment free from the effects of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicating substances. Compliance with this substance abuse policy is made a condition of employment, and violations of the policy may lead to discipline and/or discharge.

All employees are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, distribution or purchase of illicit drugs, alcohol or other intoxicants, as well as the misuse of prescription drugs on Company premises or at any time and any place during working hours. While we cannot control your behavior off the premises on your own time, we certainly encourage you to behave responsibly and appropriately at all times. All employees are required to report to their jobs in appropriate mental and physical condition, ready to work.

Substance abuse is an illness that can be treated. Employees who have an alcohol or drug abuse problem are encouraged to seek appropriate professional assistance. You may ask your immediate supervisor, designated manager or Personnel for assistance in seeking help to address substance abuse. He or she can also help you determine coverage available under the Company's medical insurance plan.

When work performance is impaired, admission to or use of a treatment or other program does not preclude appropriate action by the Company.

Any violator of this substance abuse policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

# Discrimination, ADA, harassment, etc.

# **Discrimination Is Prohibited Policy (PA)**

The Company is an equal opportunity employer and makes all employment decisions without regard to race, religion, color, sex (including pregnancy, sex assigned at birth, sexual orientation, transgender identity, gender transition, gender expression, and gender identity), national origin, ancestry, place of birth, disability, handicap, age, genetic information, use of a guide or support animal, military membership or duty (including out-of-state military members), or any other status protected under applicable federal, state or local laws. This policy applies to all terms, conditions and privileges of employment or contract, including but not limited to, hiring, placement, promotion, tenure, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, contracting, benefits, compensation and training. We seek to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws related to discrimination and will not tolerate the interference with the ability of any of the Company's employees to perform their job duties.

The Company makes decisions concerning employment based strictly on an individual's qualifications and ability to perform the job under consideration, the comparative qualifications and abilities of other applicants or employees, and the individual's past performance within the organization.

If you believe that an employment decision has been made that does not conform with management's commitment to equal opportunity, you should promptly bring the matter to the attention of your immediate supervisor, designated manager or Personnel. Your complaint will be promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated. There will be no retaliation against any employee who files a complaint, even if the result of the investigation produces insufficient evidence to support the complaint.

## **Americans With Disabilities Act Policy (PA)**

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Pennsylvania law prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, tenure, compensation, fringe benefits, job training and other terms, conditions and privileges of employment. The ADA does not alter the Company's right to hire the best-qualified applicant, but it does prohibit discrimination against a qualified applicant or employee because of his or her disability, or because of a perceived disability.

As a matter of Company policy, the Company prohibits discrimination, harassment and retaliation of any kind against people with disabilities, and complies with all applicable discrimination laws.

#### **Disabled Defined**

An applicant or employee is considered disabled if he or she (1) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; (2) has a record or past history of such an impairment; or (3) is regarded or perceived (correctly or incorrectly) as having such impairment.

A qualified employee or applicant with a disability is an individual who satisfies the requisite skill, experience, education and other job-related requirements of the position held or desired, and who, with or without reasonable accommodation, can perform the essential functions of that position.

#### **Reasonable Accommodation**

A reasonable accommodation is any change in the work environment (or in the way things are usually done) to help a person with a disability apply for a job, perform the duties of a job, or enjoy the benefits and privileges of employment.

Qualified applicants or employees who are disabled should request reasonable accommodation from the Company in order to allow them to perform a particular job. If you are disabled and you desire such reasonable accommodation, contact your immediate supervisor, designated manager, or Personnel. On receipt of your request, we will meet with you to discuss your disability. We may ask for information from your health care provider(s) regarding the nature of your disability and the nature of your limitations, or take other steps necessary to help us determine viable options for reasonable accommodation. We will then work with you to determine whether your disability can be reasonably accommodated, and if it can be accommodated, we will explore alternatives with you and endeavor to implement a mutually agreeable accommodation.

Reasonable accommodation may take many forms and it will vary from one employee to another. Please note that according to the law, the Company does not have to provide the exact accommodation you want, and if more than one accommodation works, we may choose which one to provide. Furthermore, the Company does not have to provide an accommodation if doing so would cause undue hardship to the Company.

## **Workplace Harassment Policy**

The Company is committed to providing a work environment that provides employees equality, respect, and dignity. In keeping with this commitment, the Company has adopted a policy of "zero tolerance" with regard to employee harassment. Harassment is defined under federal law as unwelcome conduct that is based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation and gender identity), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. Harassment becomes unlawful where: (1) enduring the offensive conduct becomes a condition of continued employment; or (2) the conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create a work environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile or abusive.

This policy applies to all aspects of your employment. Harassment of any other person, including, without limitation, fellow employees, contractors, visitors, clients or customers, whether at work or outside of work, is grounds for immediate termination. The Company will make every reasonable effort to ensure that its entire community is familiar with this policy and that all employees are aware that every complaint received will be promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated, and resolved appropriately. The Company will not tolerate retaliation against anyone who complains of harassment or who participates in an investigation.

#### Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is prohibited by federal, state and local laws, and applies equally to men and women. Federal law defines sexual harassment as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when the conduct: (1) explicitly or implicitly affects a term or condition of an employee's employment; (2) is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the employee; or (3) unreasonably interferes with an employee's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

Such conduct may include, but is not limited to: subtle or overt pressure for sexual favors; inappropriate touching; lewd, sexually oriented comments or jokes; foul or obscene language; posting of suggestive or sexually explicit posters, calendars, photographs, graffiti or cartoons; and repeated requests for dates. Company policy further prohibits harassment and discrimination based on sex stereotyping. Sex stereotyping occurs when one person perceives a man to be unduly effeminate or a woman to be unduly masculine and harasses or discriminates against that person because he or she does not fit the stereotype of being male or female. The Company encourages reporting of all perceived

incidents of sexual harassment, regardless of who the offender may be. Every employee is encouraged to raise any questions or concerns with his or her immediate supervisor, designated manager or the Personnel.

## **Procedures for Reporting and Investigating Harassment Policy**

Employees should report incidents of inappropriate behavior or sexual harassment as soon as possible after the occurrence. Employees who believe they have been harassed, regardless of whether the offensive act was committed by a manager, co-worker, vendor, visitor or client, should promptly notify their immediate supervisor, designated manager or Personnel. If the employee's immediate supervisor is involved in the incident, the employee should report the incident to the Danielle Andreas. The Company takes claims of harassment seriously, no matter how trivial a claim may appear. All complaints of harassment, sexual harassment, or other inappropriate sexual conduct will be promptly, thoroughly and impartially investigated by the Company.

The Company prohibits retaliation against any employee who files or pursues a harassment claim. To the extent possible, all complaints and related information will remain confidential, except to those individuals who need the information to investigate, educate or take action in response to the complaint.

All employees are expected to cooperate fully with any ongoing investigation regarding a harassment incident. Employees who believe they have been unjustly charged with harassment can defend themselves verbally or in writing at any stage of the investigation.

To protect the privacy of persons involved, confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigatory process to the extent practicable and appropriate under the circumstances. Investigations may include interviews with the parties involved, and, where necessary, individuals who may have observed the alleged conduct or who may have relevant knowledge.

At the conclusion of a harassment investigation, the complainant and the alleged "harasser" will be informed of the determination. Where appropriate, the "harasser" and the "victim" may be offered mediation or counseling through an employee assistance program (EAP).

### **Penalties for Violation of Anti-Harassment Policy**

If it is determined that inappropriate conduct has occurred, the Company will act promptly to eliminate the offending conduct, and take such action as is appropriate under the circumstances. Such action may range from counseling to termination of employment, and may include such other forms of disciplinary action (such as, for example, suspension), as the Company deems appropriate under the circumstances and in accordance with applicable law.

# **Working hours**

## **Hours of Work Policy**

The workweek is generally from 8am through 5pm, with normal operating hours from Monday to Sunday, with 30 minutes for lunch.

# **Overtime Hours Policy**

Because of the nature of our business, your job may periodically require overtime work. If the Company requires that you work overtime, we will give you as much advance notice as possible. You should not work overtime hours without prior approval by your immediate supervisor or the designated manager.

## **Attendance and Punctuality Policy**

It is important for you to report to work on time and to avoid unnecessary absences. The Company recognizes that illness or other circumstances beyond your control may cause you to be absent from work from time to time. However, frequent absenteeism or tardiness may result in disciplinary action, up to and including discharge. Excessive absenteeism or frequent tardiness puts an unnecessary strain on your co-workers and can have a negative impact on the success of the Company.

You are expected to report to work when scheduled. Whenever you know in advance that you are going to be absent, you should notify your immediate supervisor or the designated manager. If your absence is unexpected, you should attempt to reach your immediate supervisor as soon as possible, but in no event later than one hour before you are due at work. In the event your immediate supervisor is unavailable, you must speak with a manager. If you must leave a voicemail, you must provide a number where your supervisor may reach you if need be.

Please note that some, but not all, absences are compensated under the Company's leave policies.

You are expected to be at your workstation at the beginning of each business day. If you are delayed, you must call your immediate supervisor to state the reason for the delay. As with absences, you must make every effort to speak directly with a manager. Regular delays in reporting to work will result in disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

## **Meals During Business-Related Travel Policy**

Employees will be reimbursed for reasonable and actual expenses for meals incurred during business related travel. The Company will generally reimburse travelers for three meals a day. All original receipts must be included with the employee's travel and expense report. Any employee expense report received without the receipts will be returned to the employee. Employee expense reports submitted with receipts missing will be forwarded to the next level manager for approval. Reasonable expenses are outlined below:

Breakfast: \$25Lunch: \$25Dinner: \$75

## Time off & leave

## **Paid Time Off (PTO)**

Rather than allocating employees separate amounts of time off for sick, vacation and personal days, the Company provides Paid Time Off (PTO) to give employees greater flexibility to meet their personal needs. Eligible employees will accrue PTO days each year to use however they want, up to a certain amount each year. The amount of PTO earned will depend on your length of service with the Company. The Company may require you to use any accrued PTO during unpaid family and medical leave, or any other leave of absence, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

Please note that this policy does not replace the Company's holiday schedule and employees will continue to have designated paid holidays each year in accordance with this section.

#### **PTO Eligibility & Accrual**

Employees begin accruing PTO when they first begin work for the Company. Employees may use their PTO at any time after the first year (unless your sign on contract states otherwise) of employment within the following year. If you do not use your PTO you will be paid for the time following your annual employment review.

Full-time employees earn PTO as follows:

After your first year of employment you earn 8 PTO days. After your third year of employment you earn 13 PTO days. After your fifth year of employment you earn 18 PTO days. After your seventh year of employment you earn 23 PTO days (which will be the max for the duration of your employment). Note: Previously 3 of the days were PTO and 5 of the days were Vacation.

#### Procedure

Requests for PTO should be submitted to your supervisor as soon as practicable. PTO requests are approved by your immediate supervisor and are granted on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event of a conflict in PTO requests, your supervisor will consider the Company's staffing needs during the relevant period, as well as the length of service with the Company of the employees involved.

Absences should be scheduled as far in advance as possible. Absences should be scheduled and approved by employee's supervisor at least two (2) weeks prior to the date requested.

### **Jury Duty Policy**

The Company encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties. To that end, employees will be allowed leave to serve on a jury, if summoned. We request that you give us a copy of your summons notice as soon as you receive it, so that we may keep it on file. The Company will provide additional documentation in this regard, if necessary, to obtain a postponement.

Jury duty can last from a portion of a single day to several months or more. During this time, you will be considered

on a leave of absence and will be entitled to continue to participate in insurance and other benefits as if you were working. While serving on jury duty, you are expected to call in to your supervisor periodically to keep him or her apprised of your status.

The Company will compensate full-time employees for the difference between jury duty compensation and your current daily pay for the first 1 day of jury service (or in accordance with applicable law, if different). If additional time is required, it will be granted, but without pay.

### **Personal Leave (PA)**

Personal leave may be used for personal business that cannot be tended to during work hours. You are not required to give any specific reason for using your personal leave. However, when you do take personal leave, you should give your immediate supervisor as much advance notice as possible.

#### **Procedure**

When you are absent from work and your absence has not been previously scheduled, you must personally notify your immediate supervisor or manager as soon as you are aware that you will be late or unable to report to work. Leaving a voicemail or message with another staff member does not qualify as notifying your supervisor.

#### **Judicial Witness and Crime Victim Leave**

Employees may take unpaid leave to attend court proceedings as:

- Victims of a crime;
- Witnesses to a crime; or
- Members of a crime victim's family.

Crime victims can include the parents or legal guardians of children who are crime victims or witnesses. Additionally, family members include relatives, common-law spouses, and household members.

#### **Emergency Response Leave**

Employers must allow employees who are volunteer firefighters, volunteer fire police officers or volunteer members of an ambulance service or rescue squad to be late for or absent from work if they responded to an emergency prior to reporting to work and miss work time as a result, if certification requirements are met. Employees who are called to service as emergency responders and lose work time must supply the employer with a statement from the chief executive officer of the volunteer fire company, ambulance service or rescue squad, documenting the time of the call and the employee's presence at the scene. This leave may be unpaid.

### **State of Emergency Leave**

Employers cannot terminate or discipline an employee for failing to report to work because of a road closure in the county where the employee lives or works due to a state of emergency declared by the governor. This leave may be unpaid and does not apply to emergency vehicle drivers, public safety personnel, pharmacists, essential health-care professionals, public utility employees, oil and milk truck delivery drivers, and radio/television stations disseminating news.

#### **Organ Donor Leave**

Eligible employees may take leave that is necessary to prepare for or recover from surgery related to organ or tissue donation by or for them or their spouse, child, or parent. Employees are eligible if they work for an FMLA-covered employer and meet the definition of an "eligible employee" under the FMLA. Employees who take donor leave may be required to submit written documentation regarding the necessary preparation for or recovery from related surgery. Please contact Personnel for more information about this leave for Company employees.

## Family and Medical Leave (PA)

#### A note about leave benefits

Employees may be entitled to leave benefits under federal, state and local laws. Additional benefits may apply during public emergencies and health crises. The policies in this handbook are based on established federal and state requirements. **Employees should contact Personnel to learn more about short-term leave benefits provided by temporary, emergency laws**.

Company employees may be eligible to take unpaid family and medical leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). This policy provides an introduction to the rights and provisions of the federal FMLA. The Department of Labor's (DOL's) model notice is attached to this policy and further explains the FMLA. If you have questions about the FMLA, please contact Personnel.

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for leave, you must have been employed by the Company for at least 12 months. In the 12 months immediately preceding the beginning of the leave, you must also have worked at least 1,250 hours to qualify for federal FMLA. In addition, 50 or more Company employees must be employed within 75 miles of the office or worksite where you work.

#### **Amount of Leave Available**

Eligible employees may take up to a total of 12 weeks of FMLA leave within a 12-month period. Please contact Personnel for more information about how the 12-month period is calculated for FMLA leave. FMLA can be used for:

- The birth of an employee's child or the placement of a child with the employee for adoption or foster care
- To care for the employee's spouse, child or parent with a serious health condition
- The employee has a serious health condition that makes them unable to perform the functions of their job
- A qualifying exigency that arises because the employee's spouse, child, parent or next of kin is on covered active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to covered active duty) in the Armed Forces.

When leave is taken to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness, a spouse, child, parent or next of kin may take up to 26 weeks of unpaid FMLA leave during a single 12-month period (different calculations may apply for military exigency). Eligible employees are limited to a total of 26 workweeks of FMLA-protected leave during that 12-month period. For example, an employee cannot take 26 workweeks of FMLA leave to care for a covered service member and then take 12 more weeks for other FMLA qualifying reasons.

Under the federal FMLA, spouses employed by the Company are jointly entitled to a combined total of 12 weeks of leave for the birth of a newborn child, for the placement of a child for adoption or foster care or to care for a parent

who has a serious health condition. The federal FMLA does not cover care for parents-in-law. Spouses employed by the Company are jointly entitled to a combined total of 26 weeks of leave to care for a covered service member.

#### **Types of Leave Available**

**Birth or placement for adoption or foster care**: FMLA leave is available to eligible male and female employees for the birth of a child or for the placement of a child with the employee for purposes of adoption or foster care. FMLA leave must be completed within 12 months of the birth or placement. This type of leave may not be taken intermittently or on a reduced schedule unless the Company agrees to this request. See below for more details on noncontinuous leave.

**Serious health condition of employee**: If, as an eligible employee, you experience a serious health condition as defined by the FMLA, you may take medical leave under this policy (see "Definitions" for the definition of serious health condition). A serious health condition generally occurs when you:

- Receive inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or nursing home
- Suffer a period of incapacity accompanied by continuing outpatient treatment or care by a health care provider
- Have a history of a chronic condition that may cause episodes of incapacity
- Prepare for, undergo and recover from surgery for organ or tissue donation

The following provisions apply to leave for the serious health condition of an employee:

- *Noncontinuous leave*—Medical leave may be taken all at once or, when medically necessary, intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule (see below).
- *Certification process*—The need for leave must be documented by your treating health care provider through our medical certification process (see below).
- *Fitness-for-duty statement*—A fitness-for-duty statement will be required in order for you to return from a medical leave. Failure to provide the statement will result in a delay in your return to work.

**Serious health condition of immediate family member**: If, as an eligible employee, you need family leave in order to care for your child, spouse or parent who experiences a serious health condition as defined by the FMLA (see "Definitions" for definitions of child, spouse, parent and serious health condition), you may take a leave under this policy.

- *Noncontinuous leave*—Leave may be taken all at once or, when medically necessary, intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule (see below).
- *Certification process*—The need for leave must be documented by the family member's treating health care provider through our medical certification process (see below).

Qualifying exigency because of active duty: If, as an eligible employee, you need family leave because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that your spouse, son, daughter or parent is on covered active duty in the armed forces (including the National Guard or Reserves), or has been notified that they will be called or ordered to covered active duty in the armed forces (including the National Guard or Reserves), you may take family leave under this policy. (See "Definitions" for a definition of qualifying exigency)

- *Noncontinuous leave* Family leave for any qualifying exigency arising out of the covered active duty of a family member may be taken all at once, intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule (see below).
- Certification process—The need for leave must be documented through our certification process (see below).

Service member family leave: If, as an eligible employee, you need family leave to care for a covered service member who is your spouse, child, parent or next of kin and who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy, is otherwise in outpatient status or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list for a serious injury or illness, you may take up to 26 weeks of unpaid leave during a single 12-month period under this policy. (See "Definitions" for a definition of covered service member and serious injury or illness)

An eligible employee may take service member family leave to care for a covered veteran who is the employee's spouse, child, parent or next of kin and who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy for a serious injury or illness. (See "Definitions" for a definition of covered veteran)

- *Noncontinuous leave*—Service member family leave may be taken all at once or, when medically necessary, intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule (see below).
- *Certification process*—The need for leave must be documented by the family member's treating health care provider through our medical certification process (see below).

#### **Providing Notice**

Failure to provide adequate notice may, in the case of foreseeable leave, result in a delay of leave. It is your responsibility to notify your manager and Personnel of absences that may be covered by the FMLA.

You must provide sufficient information regarding the reason for an absence for the Company to know that protection may exist under this policy. Failure to provide this information will result in delay or forfeiture of rights under this policy. This means the absence may then be counted against your record for purposes of discipline for attendance or similar matters.

Generally, an application for leave must be completed for all leave taken under this policy. A nonemergency leave should generally be requested from Personnel at least 30 days, or as soon as practical, in advance of the date the leave is expected to begin.

In cases of emergency, you (or your representative, if you are incapacitated) should give verbal notice as soon as possible, and the application form should be completed as soon as practical.

#### **Medical Certification Process**

In addition to an application for leave, you will be required to complete a medical certification form when leave is for a family member's or your own serious health condition. The certification form needs to be signed by the health care provider. The short-term disability certification may be sufficient where the information required is duplicative. These forms are available from Personnel. Second or third certifications from health care providers and periodic recertification at the Company's or your expense may be required under certain circumstances.

We may also require periodic reports during federal FMLA leave regarding your status and intent to return to work.

#### **Military Family Leave Certifications**

In addition to an application for leave, you will be required to complete a Certification of Qualifying Exigency for Military Family Leave form when leave is for a qualifying exigency. A copy of the military member's active duty orders or other military documentation may also be required to substantiate your need for FMLA leave.

If you request leave to care for a covered service member with a serious injury or illness, you will be required to complete a medical certification form, which must be signed by the service member's health care provider. The

certification form will request additional information, such as information regarding the relationship between you and the covered service member, to substantiate your need for FMLA leave.

#### **Noncontinuous Leave**

Intermittent or reduced leave will be permitted only when it is medically necessary or for a qualifying exigency, as explained above. In all cases, the total amount of leave taken in a calendar year should not exceed your total allotment as defined earlier in this policy.

Intermittent and reduced schedule leave must be scheduled with minimal disruption to an employee's job. To the extent possible, medical appointments and treatments related to an employee's or family member's serious health condition should be scheduled outside of working hours or at such times that allow for a minimal amount of time away from work.

If you request non-continuous federal FMLA leave which is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment for yourself, a family member or a covered service member, you may be required to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position offered by the Company for which you are qualified and which better accommodates recurring periods of leave than your regular employment position. You will be entitled to equivalent pay and benefits, but will not necessarily be assigned the same duties in the alternative position. This provision may also apply if the Company approves a noncontinuous leave for the birth of a child or the placement of a child for adoption or foster care.

#### **Benefit Continuation During Leave**

The Company will maintain your group health plan coverage and certain other employment benefits (such as group life insurance, AD&D insurance, and health and dependent flexible spending accounts) during your FMLA leave on the same terms as if you had continued to work, if these benefits were provided to you before the leave was taken. You will be required to pay your regular portion of premiums. Contact Personnel for an explanation of your options.

Benefits that are accumulated based upon hours worked will not accumulate during the period of FMLA leave.

In some instances, the Company may recover premiums it paid to maintain health plan coverage for an employee who fails to return to work from FMLA leave.

#### **Returning to Work**

If the reason for FMLA leave is for your own serious health condition, you will be required to present a fitness-for-duty certification immediately upon return to work.

If you wish to return to work before the scheduled expiration of FMLA leave, you must notify the Company of the change in circumstances as soon as possible, but no later than two working days prior to your desired return date.

If you exhaust all leave under this policy and are still unable to return to work, you must notify the Company as soon as possible. Your situation will be reviewed to determine what rights and protections might exist under other Company policies.

#### Rights upon Return from Leave

Upon return from family or medical leave, you will be returned to the position you held immediately prior to the leave, if the position is vacant. Certain exceptions exist for key employees, as defined by law. If the position is not

vacant, you will be placed in an equivalent employment position with equivalent pay, benefits and other terms and conditions of employment.

The law provides that an employee on leave has no greater rights than the employee would have had if the employee had continued to work. Therefore, you may be affected by a layoff, termination or other job change if the action would have occurred had you remained actively at work.

#### **Substitution of Paid Leave for Unpaid Leave**

Under the FMLA, employees may choose or employers may require use of accrued paid leave while taking FMLA leave. Contact Personnel for further information.

#### Other Types of Leave

If you do not qualify for the types of leave described in this policy, the Company may approve a personal leave of absence, depending on your circumstances. Except where mandated by law, we cannot guarantee that benefits will continue or that your position will remain open in your absence.

#### **Definitions**

**Spouse**— A husband or wife as defined or recognized under state law for purposes of marriage in the state in which the marriage was entered into. This definition also includes an individual in a same-sex or common law marriage that was entered into in a state that recognizes these marriages. An opposite-sex, same-sex or common law marriage that was entered into outside of any state will be recognized if the marriage is valid in the place where it was entered into and the marriage could have been entered into in at least one state.

**Parent**—A biological parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, foster parent or an individual who provides or provided day-to-day care or financial support to the child. Parent does not include a parent-in-law under this law.

Child—A biological, adopted or foster child, stepchild, legal ward or a child who is receiving day-to-day care or financial support from the employee and is under the age of 18. Child also includes a person 18 years of age or older who is incapable of self-care because of a mental or physical disability. For military family or qualifying exigency leave, the child does not have to be a minor (under the age of 18) and can be of any age.

- **Incapable of self-care**—The child requires active assistance or supervision to provide daily self-care in three or more "activities of daily living," or "instrumental activities of daily living," including adaptive activities such as caring appropriately for one's grooming and hygiene, bathing, dressing, eating or instrumental activities such as shopping, taking public transportation or maintaining a residence.
- **Physical or mental disability**—A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity of the individual.

**Covered service member**— A member of the armed forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy, is otherwise in outpatient status or is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list for a serious injury or illness.

**Covered veteran**—An individual who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy for a serious injury or illness and who was a member of the Armed Forces (including the National Guard or Reserves), and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time during the five-year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered veteran.

**Next of kin**—Used with respect to an individual, this means the nearest blood relative of that individual, other than the spouse, parent or child.

**Serious health condition**—Illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves:

- Inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility.
- A period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar days (including any subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition) that also involves: 1) treatment two or more times within 30 days of the first day of incapacity, unless extenuating circumstances exist, by or under the orders of a health care provider; or 2) treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the supervision of a health care provider. The first (or only) visit must occur in person within seven days of the first day of incapacity.
- Any incapacity due to pregnancy or for prenatal care.
- Chronic conditions causing incapacity requiring periodic treatment (at least twice a year) by or under the supervision of a health care provider, which continue over an extended period of time and may cause an episodic rather than a continuing period of incapacity (for example, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy).
- Permanent or long-term conditions causing incapacity and requiring continuing supervision for which treatment may not be effective (for example, Alzheimer's, a severe stroke or the terminal stages of a disease).
- Multiple treatments by or under the supervision of a health care provider either for restorative surgery after an accident or other injury or for a condition that would likely result in a period of incapacity of more than three calendar days in the absence of medical intervention or treatment, such as cancer (chemotherapy), severe arthritis (physical therapy) or kidney disease (dialysis).

#### Serious Injury or Illness—can be:

- In the case of a member of the armed forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, an injury or illness incurred by the member in the line of duty on active duty in the Armed Forces (or existed before the beginning of the member's active duty and was aggravated by service in the line of duty on active duty in the armed forces) and that may render the member medically unfit to perform the duties of the member's office, grade, rank or rating.
- In the case of a veteran who was a member of the armed forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, an injury or illness incurred by the member in the line of duty on active duty in the armed forces (or existed before the beginning of the member's active duty and was aggravated by service in the line of duty on active duty in the armed forces) and that manifested itself before or after the member became a veteran and is:
  - A continuation of a serious injury or illness that was incurred or aggravated when the covered veteran
    was a member of the armed forces and rendered the servicemember unable to perform the duties of the
    servicemember's office, grade, rank or rating;
  - A physical or mental condition for which the covered veteran has received a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Service-Related Disability Rating (VASRD) of 50 percent or greater, and such VASRD rating is based, in whole or in part, on the condition precipitating the need for servicemember family leave;
  - A physical or mental condition that substantially impairs the covered veteran's ability to secure or follow a substantially gainful occupation by reason of a disability or disabilities related to military service, or would do so absent treatment; or
  - An injury, including a psychological injury, on the basis of which the covered veteran has been enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

#### Qualifying Exigency—includes:

- Short-notice deployment (seven days or less)
- Military events and related activities
- Child care and school activities
- Financial and legal arrangements
- Counseling
- Rest and recuperation (up to 15 days)
- Post-deployment activities
- Parental care
- Additional activities agreed to by the Company and the employee

## **Holiday Pay Policy**

Full-time employees are entitled to the following paid holidays:

New Year's Day, Labor Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

### **Bereavement Leave Policy**

Employees will receive up to up to a maximum of 3 days days of paid time off in the event of the death of a member of their immediate family. Immediate family includes spouses, domestic partners, children, parents, parents-in-law, brothers or sisters, and brothers-in-law or sisters-in-law. Your direct team leader will discuss this with you if and when these situations arise. You are allowed (N/A) of paid leave in the event of the death of an extended family member. Extended family includes grandparents, aunts and uncles, and other more distant relatives.

### **Voting Policy**

The Company encourages all employees to vote. Most polling facilities for elections for public office have hours that are scheduled to accommodate working voters. The Company, therefore, requests that employees schedule their voting for before or after their work shifts. An employee who expects a conflict, however, should notify his or her supervisor, in advance, so that schedules can be adjusted if necessary.

### **Unpaid Time Off**

Employees who have been with Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning less than one year are allowed up to 13 unpaid absences during that first year of employment. Employees who have been with Andreas Plumbing, Heating and Air-Conditioning more than one year but less than three years are allowed up to 5 unpaid absences on top of their accrued PTO.

Absences should be scheduled as far in advance as possible. Absences should be scheduled and approved by employee's supervisor at least two (2) weeks prior to the date requested.

# **Employee benefits**

#### **Medical Plan**

The Company offers a medical plan to all eligible employees. Details of the plan(s) may be found in the benefit booklets. This Handbook does not constitute such a legal document. The Company offers medical coverage for eligible employees and their eligible dependents. Your Summary Plan Description (SPD) contains more details. In the event of any conflict between the information contained in this Handbook and in the Company's SPDs, the SPDs shall govern. The plan(s) is subject to change at the Company's discretion.

#### **Dental Plan**

The Company offers a dental plan for eligible employees. Please refer to the dental Summary Plan Description for an explanation of the plan benefits and limitations.

#### Life Insurance Plan

Eligible employees are automatically enrolled in a group term life insurance program. Enrollees may designate or change the beneficiary for this policy at any time. The Company pays the premium for this program. The face value of this benefit is equal to one times the employee's annual salary. For details, please refer to the plan SPD.

## **General Employee Benefits Policy**

This section describes the benefits provided by the Company and information on your eligibility for benefits. Details regarding each benefit plan are contained in the Company's Benefit Booklet. Benefit plans governed by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) may be further described in formal Summary Plan Descriptions or other legal documents, which are available for your review in Personnel.

Employees meeting the eligibility criteria for particular benefits may participate in the various insurance programs offered by the Company. You may review the eligibility criteria for each benefit in the Company's Benefit Booklet and/or the Summary Plan Description for the particular benefit. Periodically there will be an Open Enrollment period (described below). If you decline to participate in these programs on your initial eligibility date, you may request entry into the plan during Open Enrollment or Special Enrollment (described below).

### **Short-term Disability Plan**

A short-term disability plan is provided for eligible employees. Please refer to the STD Summary Plan Description for an explanation of the plan benefits and limitations.

### Vision Plan

The Company offers a vision plan for eligible employees. Please refer to the vision Summary Plan Description for an explanation of the plan benefits and limitations.

### **Workers' Compensation Insurance**

To provide for payment of your medical expenses and for partial salary continuation in the event of a work-related accident or illness, you are covered by workers' compensation insurance, provided by the Company and based on state regulations. The amount of benefits payable, as well as the duration of payments, depends upon the nature of your injury or illness. However, all medical expenses incurred in connection with an on-the-job injury or illness and partial salary payments are paid in accordance with applicable state law. If you are injured or become ill on the job, you must immediately report the injury or illness to Personnel. This ensures that the Company can help you obtain appropriate medical treatment. Your failure to follow this procedure may delay your benefits or may even jeopardize your receipt of benefits. Questions regarding workers' compensation insurance should be directed to Personnel.

# **Expenses & reimbursement**

## **Company-Issued Credit Cards Policy**

The Company may issue company credit cards to certain employees for business use as necessary in connection with the employee's job duties. Use of company-issued credit cards is a privilege, which the Company may withdraw at any time.

Any credit card issued to an employee by the Company must be used for business purposes only. Personal purchases of any type are not allowed and will not be reimbursed. Expenses for lodging and meals while on company-approved business trips are considered business purchases, as long as such expenses are consistent with the Company's travel and expense reimbursement policy.

Employees are expected to exercise discretion and good judgment when incurring business expenses and to report expenses on a timely basis with appropriate documentation. If there is any question as to whether a particular purchase qualifies as a business expense, the employee should consult his or her manager before incurring the expense. Employees are responsible for any unauthorized purchases deemed by the Company to be for personal use.

Employees must pay Company credit card balances when due. Expenses will not be reimbursed unless the employee submits a written expense report in a timely manner.

# **Payroll**

## **Payroll Practices Policy**

Employees are paid weekly. If the regularly scheduled payroll date falls on a Saturday, the Company will attempt to deliver paychecks on Friday. If the regular payday falls on a Sunday, employees will be paid on Monday. When a payroll date falls on a holiday, employees will, when possible, be paid on the last business day before the holiday. Otherwise, employees will be paid on the first business day following the scheduled payroll date.

# Salary Deductions and Withholding Policy

The Company will withhold the following from your paycheck:

#### **Taxes**

Federal, state and local taxes, as required by law, as well as the required FICA (Social Security and Medicare) payments.

#### **Insurance**

Your contribution to health insurance or other insurance premiums for yourself and any eligible family members or to other contributory benefit programs.

#### **Other Deductions**

Other deductions which you authorize, including Simple IRA, tool purchase program.

# **Direct Deposit Policy**

You may have your paycheck deposited directly into your bank account. You will be given the authorization form for deposit by your immediate supervisor, designated manager or Personnel.