#### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!



WE ARE ALLOWING A FEW MINUTES FOR EVERYONE TO CONNECT;
THE SESSION WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

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**COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS WEEK 2025** 

### HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPONSIBLE COMUNICATION

IN THE WORKPLACE

### INTRODUCTIONS



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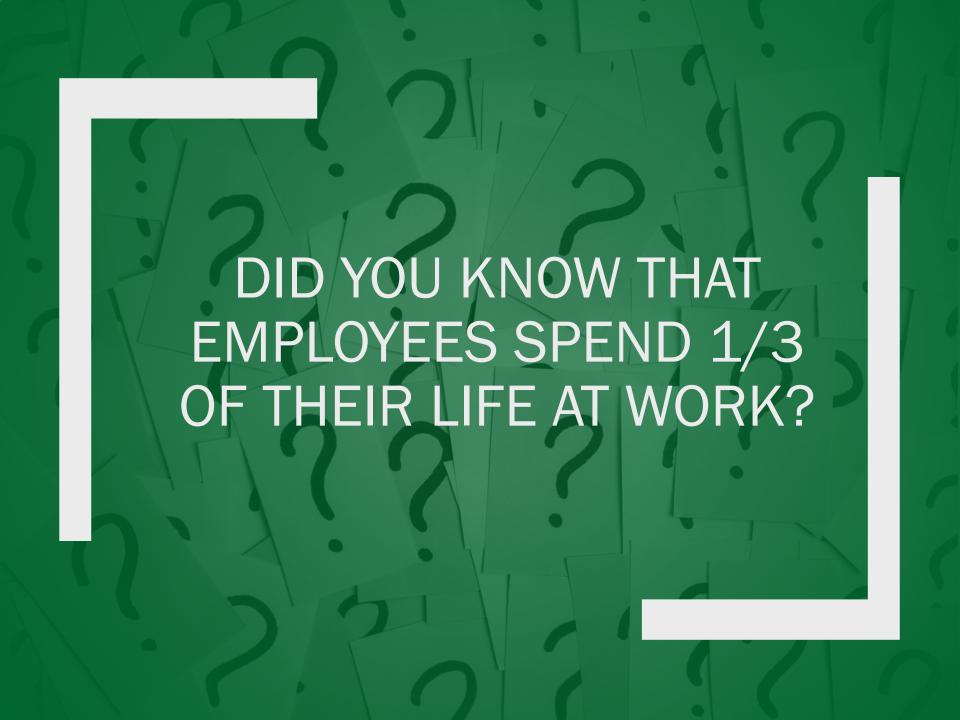
#### **Objectives**

Understand the value of healthy workplace relationships.

Empower you to identify and respond to negative conduct in the workplace.

Learn about the the options and resources available at UM to assist with workplace conflict.

## 1. The value of healthy relationships in the workplace



The University of Miami sets Professionalism standards consistent with applicable law and with the University's Commitment to creating a Culture of Belonging for all.

These standards serve to advance the University's DIRECCT VALUES and SERVICE STANDARDS.

Our core values of diversity, integrity, responsibility, excellence, compassion, creativity, and teamwork provide the foundation for all of our behaviors.

Our service standards of safety, caring, responsiveness, and professionalism provide guidelines for how we treat one another and those we serve.



#### University policies help ensure accountability with respect to professionalism standards/ discrimination prevention.

- Sexual Misconduct Policy (Title IX)
  - Equal Opportunity Policy
    - Discipline Policy
- Business Conduct & Ethical Standards









# 2. Identifying and Responding to Negative Conduct in the Workplace



GOLD START CONDUCT: CONDUCT THAT EXEMPLIFIES HEALTHY WORKPLACE RELATIONSHIPS AND FOSTERS A POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT



RED FLAG CONDUCT: CONDUCT THAT DETRACTS
FROM THE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT EVEN IF IT
DOES NOT RISE TO MISCONDUCT QUITE YET



MISCONDUCT: CONDUCT THAT HAS SUCH A
NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE WORKPLACE OR IS SO
OBJECTIVELY INAPPROPRIATE THAT IT CONSTITUTES
MISCONDUCT

While in the office lunchroom, **Employee A** asks other employees questions about what they did over the weekend, their romantic partners, and more personal questions. Eventually, **employee B** was asked about intimacy in their love life.

Upon hearing this, others laugh it off and **Employee A** says, "come on, we are all friends."

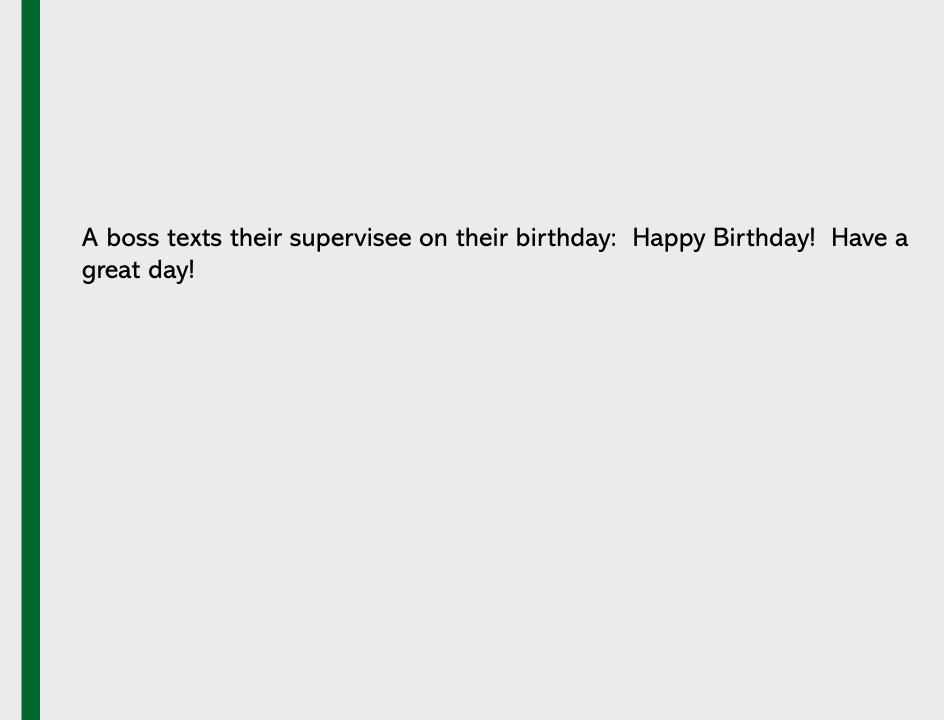
One employee tells another: "I love your pants; they make your legs look so long and sexy." They are generally friendly, and there is no supervisory relationship.

**Employee 1** has a crush on Employee 2. **Employee 1** asks Employee 2 on a date. Employee 2 says: That sounds like fun, but I am already seeing someone.

A month later, **Employee 1** asks **Employee 2** if she is still in a relationship.

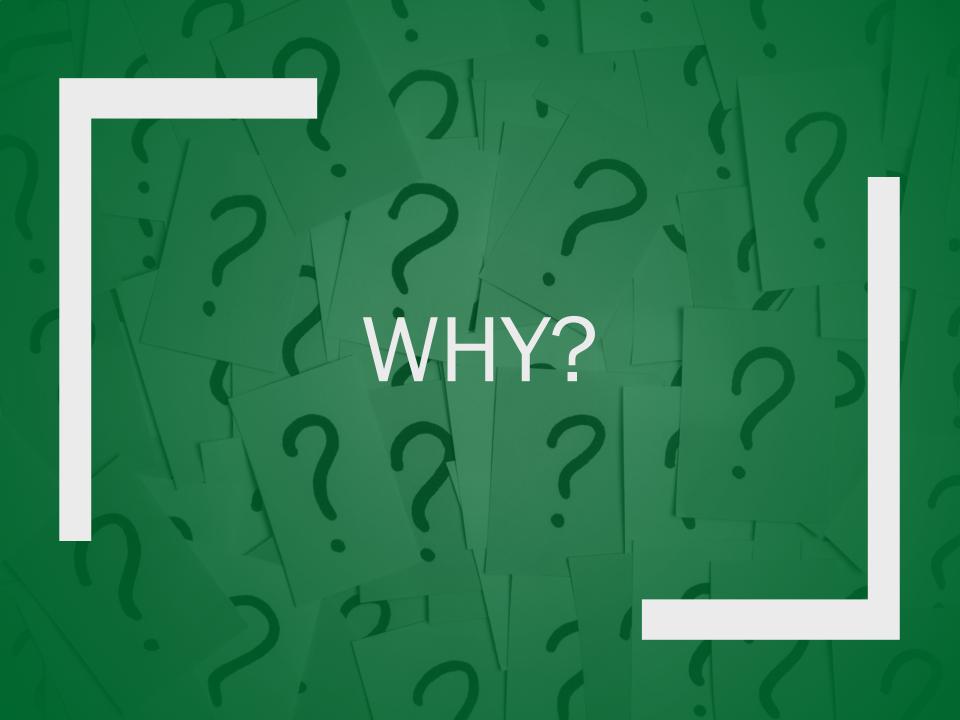
Employee and Colleague have been working together for 2 years. Eventually, they became friends on Social Media.

Employee has been making explicit posts about the upcoming election. Colleague disagrees with Employee's political views and finds them personally offensive.



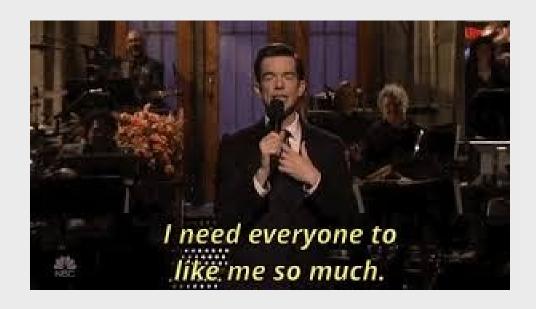






People make excuses instead of saying No or setting strong boundaries primarily due to fear—fear of disappointing others, being judged, causing conflict, or damaging relationships.







## WHAT THEY DON'T TELL YOU ABOUT "BEING NICE"

- Continued exposure to unwanted behavior
- Misleads others about your expectations and what you welcome
- Affect how other perceive your leadership abilities
- Discourage others from speaking up
- Empower the wrongdoers

#### Tips on setting boundaries

#### Don't let resistance deter you

Not everyone will respect your boundaries, but it's crucial to stand your ground.

#### Be clear and direct on your boundaries

When communicating your boundaries, it's best to be to the point. Keep it simple.

#### Be clear on the why

Ask yourself: Why do you want this boundary to be set? This can help strengthen your resolve towards establishing it.



#### Your boundaries aren't always set in stone

As your needs change, your boundaries may change with you, too. So don't be afraid to adjust them when the time

#### Remember that its for your own well-being

Boundaries are meant to protect you, first and foremost, and should be seen as a form of self-care.

#### **HOW TO SET PERSONAL BOUNDARIES**



DEFINE Identify desired boundary



Say what you need

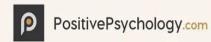
**COMMUNICATE** 



STAY SIMPLE Don't overexplain



SET
CONSEQUENCES
Say why it's important





I will end this phone call if you continue to shout at me.



I'm not comfortable discussing that. Please do not discuss it with me.





I'm not comfortable with that. If you do it again I will have to leave.

## 3. Options and Resources available at UM

## WE CAN'T SOLVE PROBLEMS WE DO NOT KNOW EXIST





#### **HOW TO REPORT**

**Talk to your Manager or Department Leader** 

**Consult your HR Partner** 

**Report Sexual Misconduct Directly:** 

<u>Titleixcoordinator@Miami.edu</u>

**Report Discrimination Directly:** 

employeerelations@miami.edu





### What happens when you report misconduct?

Someone will reach out to you to explain the options and resources available to you. Any action that follows will be in direct consultation with you.

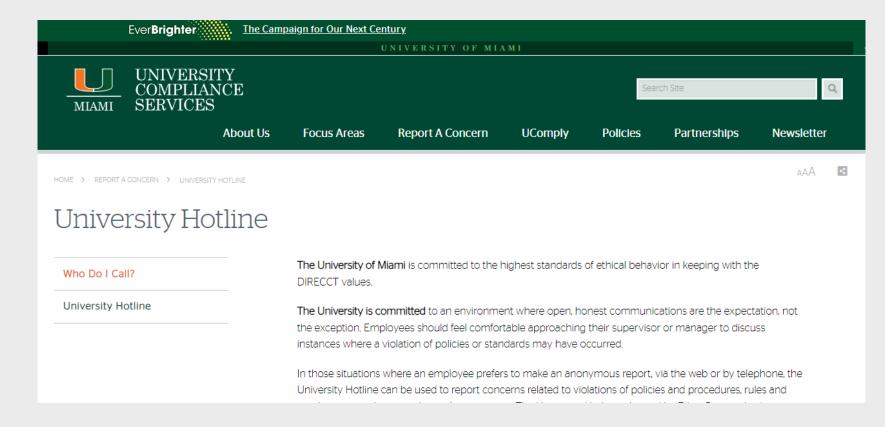
We are here to help!

Help us build an environment free from discrimination, one step at a time!



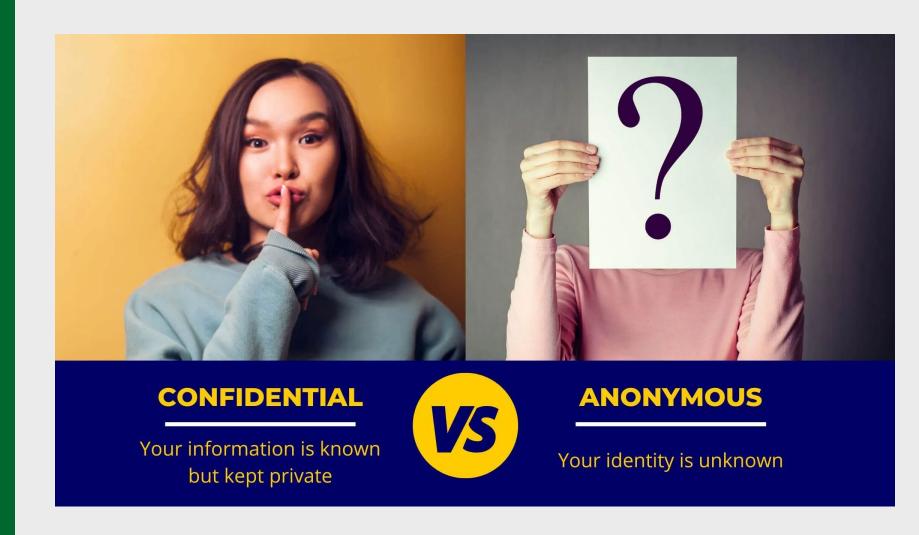


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#### Confidential v. Anonymous Reporting



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