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Protection from Harm & Psychological Safety

Surgeon General
Workplace Wellbeing

An important element to a productive workplace is “Protection from Harm.” To promote practices that better assure protection from harm, workplaces can:

- 1. Prioritize workplace physical and psychological safety.** People cannot perform well at work if they feel physically or psychologically unsafe. Leaders at all levels can collaborate with workers to examine and eliminate physical and psychological hazards.
- 2. Enable adequate rest.** Insufficient rest, possibly from long work hours or working multiple jobs, can put the physical, emotional, and mental health of workers in danger. Long work hours have also been shown to raise workers’ risk for exhaustion, anxiety, and depression.
- 3. Normalize and support focusing on mental health.** Organizations can further normalize and support mental health by modeling, communicating, and regularly promoting services. Employers can provide comprehensive health care coverage that includes access to mental health benefits.
- 4. Operationalize Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) norms, policies, and programs.** In inclusive workplace cultures, all workers feel safe to be authentic and express their feelings. This is built on a culture of trust where colleagues welcome and value each other’s unique perspectives.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Bellin Health wants to connect you to resources to promote practices that assure protection from harm in the workplace.

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