Workplace Bullying

Sample Policy Statement

Institution **X** considers workplace bullying unacceptable and will not tolerate it under any circumstances. Workplace bullying is behavior that harms, intimidates, offends, degrades or humiliates an employee, possibly in front of other employees, clients, or customers. Workplace bullying may cause the loss of trained and talented employees, reduce productivity and morale and create legal risks.

Institution \mathbf{X} believes all employees should be able to work in an environment free of bullying. Managers and supervisors must ensure employees are not bullied.

Institution \mathbf{X} has grievance and investigation procedures to deal with workplace bullying. Any reports of workplace bullying will be treated seriously and investigated promptly, confidentially and impartially.

Institution **X** encourages all employees to report workplace bullying. Managers and supervisors must ensure employees who make complaints, or witnesses, are not victimized.

Disciplinary action will be taken against anyone who bullies a co-employee, including managers and supervisors. Discipline may involve a warning, transfer, counseling, demotion or dismissal, depending on the circumstances.

The contact person for bullying at this workplace is:	
Name:	
Phone Number:	

Adapted from Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (2008). SHARP – Research for Safe Work (www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/Research)