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# Avoiding & Managing Toxic Employees

An Ounce of Prevention And A Pound of Cure

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# Toxic Employees

- Topics to be covered:
  - How To Screen Applicants and Employees Before They Infect Your Workplace
  - How To Sugar Coat Company Policies Evenly
  - How To Prevent The Disease From Spreading
  - Which Medicine Cures The Disease

# Toxic Employees

- Examples of Toxic Employees:
- One Who:
  - Always arrives late to work or leaves early
  - Refuses to work overtime, particular schedules or extra shifts
  - Gossips or badmouths management, co-workers or customers
  - Argues with management, co-workers or customers
  - Decreases productivity while encouraging others to follow suit
  - Constantly says "It's not my job."

# Toxic Employees

• Why Don't We Want Toxic Employees?

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- Why Don't We Want Toxic Employees?
  - Lowers Morale
  - Decreases Production
  - Increases Opportunities for Workplace Violence
  - Destroys Customer Service and Reputation
  - Maximizes Civil Liability!!!!!

VenturaCountyStar \$22.5 million awarded in injury case

A Ventura County jury has awarded a local woman more than \$22.5 million, the biggest award in a personal injury case in recent county history, attorneys said Montay.

The Superior Court jury made the award to Dawn Renae Diaz, 38, for steere brain damage and other injuries she sustained in a 2006 traffic accident on Highway 101 in temparilio.

The collision on Jan. 20, 2006, occurred between a box truck and a pickup true. The collision se the pickup over the center divider, landing on top of Diaz's vehicle, which was traveling in the opposite direction.

The box truck driver's previous employer had told his employer that he was an unsafe driver and was fired because of this. Sugar Transport's hiring officer testified that they hired the driver becauthey were busy and needed to put "bodies behind the wheel."



# Toxic Employees

 What is One Of The Best Ways To Avoid Toxic Employees?

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 What is One Of The Best Ways To Avoid Toxic Employees?

-DON'T HIRE THEM!!!

#### Toxic Employees

- Screening Applicants
  - Application: should request, among other things, the applicant's name and any other names that the applicant presently or in the past has used, address and telephone number, and the applicant's work history (including the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of former and current employers) for at least the past ten years.

#### Toxic Employees

- Screening Applicants
  - Application: The employer should also require the applicant to provide the name telephone number, address, and relation of at least three references. The applicant's response, as well as his or her failure to completely respond to such questions, can be useful in a background check and in assessing the applicant's trustworthiness.

#### Toxic Employees

#### Screening Applicants

- Application: Application should aclude a statement that the applicant certifies that the information contained in the application is correct and that the applicant understands that any misrepresentation or omission of information requested on the application is sufficient cause to be denied a job offer, or if the misrepresentation or omission is discovered after hired, grounds for immediate dismissal.

#### Toxic Employees

#### Screening Applicants

- Application: Include statement that the applicant acknowledges that employment with the company is "at-will." Also, the applicant acknowledges that no promise or guarantee of continued employment has been given, and that any assurances of continued employment, whether written, oral or by conduct, shall not be interpreted as changing the nature of the employment relationship.

# Toxic Employees

#### Screening Applicants

#### - Background Checks:

- Credit Report/Background Check
  - Internet
  - Megan's Law Website
- Fingerprinting
- Drug/Alcohol Screen
- Physical examination

# Toxic Employees

- Screening Applicants
  - Background Checks: The relatively small costs of a background check (\$50-\$125) is dwarfed by the high costs of defending against administrative claims or worse-yet litigation (\$10,000-\$250,000).

# Toxic Employees

- Screening Applicants
  - I-9s: Stick by technical rules. Do not allow an employee to talk you out of completing this document correctly. If the employee cannot provide the required documentation within three (3) days from the date of hire.
  - For <u>most</u> employers, retain a copy of the documents used to complete I-9.

# Toxic Employees

- Screening Applicants
  - New Hire Documentation
  - Employee Handbook
  - Job Descriptions
  - Job Offers

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#### Toxic Employees

- Screening Applicants
  - Document the application and new hire process. Provide a copy of each document reviewed and signed by each new hire Obtain acknowledgments out the yingvang.
  - <u>Do Not Hire Anyone That Refuses To</u> <u>Follow Your Application or New Hire</u> <u>Procedures!!</u>

## Toxic Employees

- Sugar Coating Company Policies
  - Continuously monitor competitive policies, benefits and compensation structures
  - Have policies reviewed for legality
  - Provide regular meetings to employees to explain certain policies and procedures and the rationale
    - · Highlight different topics each meeting
    - Do not allow meeting to explode into "b----" session

#### Toxic Employees

- Sugar Coating Company Policies
  - Train management regularly to ensure that policies are being applied uniformly
  - Communicate to employees the health of the company
  - Do not be afraid to add/revise/delete policies
  - Work on HOW policies are communicated

#### Sugar Coating Policies

Language Subtleties Influence Your Managema Abilities

#### Language Subtleties

How we say something is just as important as what we say.

Managers can better communicate by an inclusive rather than exclusive manner.

# Sugar Coating Policies

- Language Subleties Inclusive Senguage:
  - By inclusive, you should consider this term, to mean the mental state of optimism; while exclusive is pessimism.
  - You can change the way you say things so they
    come out inclusive, positive. When you convey an
    optimistic attitude, you gain more control over
    yourself and get more from your staff and coworkers.

# Sugar Coating Policies

- Inclusive Language can be used effectively in the following areas routinely encountered by managers:
- Evaluation
- Appreciation
- Promotion
- Prohibition
- Persuasion
- Motivation

# Sugar Coating Policies

 Studies have found that "optimistic" employees are up to fifty percent (50%) more productive than "pessimistic" employees.

#### Evaluation

- We are always evaluating and making judgments. Mostly, we're unknowingly making evaluations in exclusion. Here are some examples:
- "Not as bad as I thought."
- "I don't have a problem with that."
- "I don't see any reason why we couldn't do it."
- "It certainly wouldn't be out of the question."

#### Evaluation

 When you evaluate something, you're making judgment calls. The likelihood that you will feel pessimistic about an idea because of your speaking in exclusion is very high. You're much more likely to be optimistic and to move forward when you're speaking in inclusion. So instead of saying, "Not bad," say, "That's good."

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· I can't argue with that.

I'm inclined to agree with

that.

· I can't complain.

I think it's okay.

• I'm not ignoring that.

I'm aware that's a consideration.

If nothing gets in the way.

If everything goes as planned.

#### Appreciation

- Suppose someone says to you, Thanks so much. I really appreciate everything you did."
- Often you say, "No problem. It was nothing. nothing at all."
- The first impulse someone has when one says, "no problem," is to say, "Wait a second, you mean there would have been a problem?"

#### Appreciation

- Often in giving appreciation, you will try to give it by saying, "I really don't know how to thank you," or "I really don't know how to express my thanks."
- This can give you the feeling of a deficit or inadequacy. "I really don't know how to thank you," could be changed to "It's so difficult for me to figure out a way to properly thank you."
- In either receiving appreciation or giving it, it is to your advantage to speak in present and positive terms. It does good things for you and for the other person.

#### Promotion

- Here are some examples of inclusionary promotional advertising:
- Citicorp: "Citicorp, because America wants to succeed; not just survive."
- MCI: "If not us, who? If not now, when?"
- Pirell Tires: "Power is nothing without control."
- Paul Mason Wines: "We will sell no wine before its time."
- Vidal Sassoon: "If you don't look good, we don't look good."
- American Express: "Don't leave home without it."

#### Promotion

- These ads are promoting these products in an exclusionary fashion.
- Every day, you're promoting something, whether it be yourself, a program or an attitude.
- The point is to be aware that we are surrounded by various types of language.
- If you are to keep control of your own optimism, it is best to limit negative or exclusionary language.

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#### Prohibition

- It seems that everywhere we turn we're told not to do something. It's as if we were kids again and constantly being watched for our own safety.
- Whenever you see a sign posted, it almost always tells you what you are not able to do
- Suppose you were to rewrite the signs so they gave their instructions in inclusion as opposed to exclusion.
- What might they say?

#### Prohibition

- Instead of saying, "No Smoking," you could say, "Smoke Free Area."
- Instead of saying, "No Eating in This Room," you could say, "Eating Prohibited in This Room."
- Instead of saying, "No Entrance," you could say, "Entrance Prohibited."
- Instead of "No Littering," you could say "Keep this area clean."

#### Prohibition

 Messages telling us what is a ceptable or what is unacceptable in a language of inclusion creates an entirely different feeling, and a greater likelihood that wewould want to follow the message.

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#### Persuasion

 If you understand this catego, you will be empowered because when you really understand how to position your persuasion methods in inclusion, you'll have so much more horsepower when it comes to influencing people.

#### Persuasion

- In many business relationships, co-we kers attempt to persuade each other with some form an why don't you" or "why don't we."
- "Why don't we get together on Monday?"
- "Why don't we stop doing this?"
- "Why don't I send that to you?"
- "Why don't I bring the contract over?"

#### Persuasion

- If you and your co-worker are deciding where to eat, and one of you says, "Why don't we go to The Cheesecake Factory?"
- The other's first unconscious impulse is to begin to answer the question, "Well, there are three reasons why I don't want to go to the Cheesecake Factory. One, I don't want to drive that far; two, I don't really like the food; and three, it's too expensive."

#### Persuasion

- What's interesting is that when you ask somebody, "Why don't we/you?," the receiver frequently resists with some form of a No."
- However, if you were to change the question from exclusion to inclusion, from "why don'ts you/we" to "How about," or "Let's," the ambivalent person is much more likely to be persuaded.

#### Persuasion

- Here are some suggestions on inclusive language:
- Instead of saying, "Why don't you call me on Monday?", say, "How about you call me on Monday?"
- Instead of saying, "Why don't you get me the report?", say, "How about getting the report?"
- Instead of saying, "Why don't you quit worrying?", say, "What are your thoughts about the problem?"

#### Persuasion

 You're going to get much more persuasive strength when you use.
 "What are your thoughts," "How about." or "Let's," in trying to get other people to sign up to your suggestions.

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#### Motivation

- Motivation is linked to language. This makes it a very good area in which to apply language skills.
- Your language can make a huge difference when you want to impact your own motivation as well as the motivation of those around you.

#### Motivation

- Some people are motivated by gring toward a goal or an objective if they see benefits.
- This means that when they decide to ake action or commit their resources, they do so because they are interested in the benefits.
- They are "going toward" oriented, going toward the pleasure, toward the benefit.
- They do something in the interest of the payoff they'll get.

#### Motivation

- You should act as if most people prefer to think of themselves as "going loward" when it comes to their motivation.
- However, it's clear that it's very difficult to be a "going toward" person if you're always speaking in the language of "don't, never, and can't."

#### Motivation

- You might be quite pleased to see how your and your employees' outlook changes when you speak in inclusion
- You might even slowly watch your motivation change from a going away perspective to one that goes toward your objectives.

#### Motivation

- "Going toward" is definitely preferable as a motivator.
- So to increase this likelihood, speak in terms of "yes, always, and can."
- Then watch the gradual transformation of yourself and those around you from "going away" to "going toward."
- Your motivation will have a healthier and powerful feel.

#### Motivation

- This conversion from exclusion inclusion will require some practice.
- As with all new learning, it will seem out-ofplace and artificial at first.
- You should avoid becoming fanatical and fearful of every word you plan to utter.
- But focus on the good stuff, the choices you can make in your words that will lead to uplifting results that you desire.

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# Using The Rules of Discipline To Prevent Spread of Disease

 Following the rules below should minimize your Company's exposure to any kind of allegations of unfair treatment, discrimination or wrongful demotion or termination:

# Rules of Discipline

- 1. FAIRNESS.
- Ask yourself the following question: Is it fair to discipline this employee based upon the <u>quality and quantity</u> of the evidence before you?

# Rules of Discipline

- 2. CONSISTENCY.
- In the past has your company imposed the same discipline in similar situations?

#### Rules of Discipline

- 3. UNIFORMITY.
- Each Company should have an employee handbook, written policies or job descriptions so that employees know what is to be expected of them. Each company must promote the understanding of such policies to each employee.
- Examples:

Excessive absenteeism.

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Insubordination.

#### Rules of Discipline

- 4. BRUTAL HONESTY.
- During discipline it is essential that you are candid and direct with the employee regarding performance and performance appraisals. Never tell any employee they are being laid off when performance is the real issue.

#### Rules of Discipline

- 5. BE OBJECTIVE.
- To demonstrate validity and legality of actions.

# Rules of Discipline

- 6. VALIDATION.
- Be in a position to demonstrate all of the above. Imagine yourself in the witness chair. This is what you want to portray to the judge or the jury.

#### Rules of Discipline

- HERE ARE SOME TOOLS THAT YOU SHOULD ADOPT IN DISCIPLINE:
- Investigation Be thorough.
- Protect the integrity Consider having two people present
- Flexibility in progressive discipline system Do not rely on will LC 2922.
- Careful Balance Patience vs. too much patience.

#### Rules of Discipline

- HERE ARE SOME TOOLS THAT YOU SHOULD ADOPT IN DISCIPLINE:
- Document, document, document The final warning hould should not be the first written notice.
- Good documentation if it's worth talking about, it's worth putting in writing. When, where, who, what happened in the fiperson. Tell employee what employee must do to improve performance and what is wrong with current performance. The employee how long you will allow to improve (don't put on probation for 30, 60, 90 days). Tell employee what to expect i unable to or unwilling to improve performance appraisal vs. progressive discipline.

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# Curing The Disease

#### • What Type of Discipline is Available?

- Disciplinary action may include, but is intlimited to, the following:
  - Coach/Counseling
  - Verbal warning
  - Written warning
  - Unpaid leave/suspension
  - Probationary period
  - Reassignment/demotion
  - Reduction in pay/benefits
  - Transfer
  - Termination

# Curing The Disease

# What Type of Discipline is available?

- The choice of any disciplinary action is within the complete discretion of the company and if done right will not alter the employee's at-will employment relationship with the company.

# Curing The Disease

#### When Should The Discipline Bulssued?

- An employee should be disciplined whe
  - They have engaged in a violation of establishment rules or performance standards;
  - They have engaged in a series of events that create unproductive environment, even if one of the action standing alone is not violative of work rules or performance standards;

  - They have engaged in conduct that did or could have caused harm to themselves or others;
     Promotion of the Company's mission or goals may be furthered by admonishing misbehavior; or
  - Failure to discipline an employee may result in liability to the company or third party.

# Curing The Disease

#### • When Should The Discipline By Issued?

- HR managers and other senior company officials often make discipline and termination decisions based on facts and recommendations from subordinates. In fact, disciplinary decisions should not be made in a vacuum. If the supervisor is unfamiliar with the work history or the employee(s) involved, a brief discussion with the prior supervisor, HR officer, or a review of the personnel file would be help. Ignorance of the employee's past may not be a defense if the employee action is potentially unlawful.

## Curing The Disease

#### How To Document The Prescription?

Document, document, document: It is esclutely essential that there is sufficient documentation in the file to support discipline, including a termination. Warning memorandums and notices should be in written format and placed in the employee's personnel file. Never verbally counsel or discipline an employee without documenting such discipline in the employee's personnel file.

# Curing The Disease

#### • How To Document The Prescription?

Do not simply keep notes regarding exployee discipline as such notes have no value in lifeation unless the employee is given a copy, and they are placed in an employee's personnel file. Written warnings should be properly filled out and should clearly state the offense committed by the employee. The employee should be permitted to make any comments on the warning that they feel are appropriate. Any written warning should be placed in the employee's personnel file.

# EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION

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#### APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I hereby certify that I have been informed of the duties, the hours and days of work of the position for which I am applying, and that the information on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to have any of the statements checked by the Company unless I have indicated to the contrary. Further, I understand that falsification or omission of any material information on this application, if I receive a job offer may be considered sufficient cause for immediate termination. I agree that if employed, I will abide by all policies and procedures established by the employer.

I hereby acknowledge that my employment is "at-will," that I may resign at any time and the Company may terminate my employment at any time, with or without cause, and with or without notice, that any assurances of continued employment, whether written, oral or by conduct, shall not be interpreted as changing the nature of the employment relationship unless specifically acknowledged in writing by the President of the Company.

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# DISCLOSURE RELEASE FORM

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# **NEW HIRE CHECKLIST**

The following items must be signed and contained in every new hire employee packet. If a document does not apply, please write N/A. Please initial that the document has been presented to the employee and signed.

Employment Application (completed, dated and signed by applicant)	(Optional)
Post-Hire Employee Data Sheet	(Optional)
Federal Form W-4 - Employee Withholding Allowance	(Mandatory)
California State Form DE-4 Employees Withholding Allowance Certificate	(Mandatory)
I-9 Form - (completed by applicant and company representative)	(Mandatory)
Voluntary Information Form	(Optional)
Authorization to obtain Investigative Report	(Optional)
Notification of Request for Investigative Consumer Report	(Optional)
Workers' Compensation Benefits Statement and Physician Election Form (English and Spanish/Acknowledgment)	(Mandatory)
State Disability Insurance Booklet-DE2515 (English/Spanish)	(Mandatory)
EDD For Your Benefit Booklet-DE2320	(Mandatory)
Family Care and Medical Leave and Pregnancy Disability Leave Notice (State)	(Optional)
Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (Federal)	(Optional)
California Paid Family Leave-DE2511 (English and Spanish)	(Mandatory)
Department of Fair Employment and Housing Sexual Harassment Pamphlet (English and Spanish)	(Mandatory)
Company's Sexual Harassment Policy with Acknowledgment	(Mandatory)
Company's Drug and Alcohol Policy with Acknowledgment	(Optional)
Employee Handbook	(Optional)
Employee Handbook Acknowledgment of Receipt	(Optional)
Insurance Premium Authorization	(Optional)
Unearned Vacation Agreement	(Optional)
Supplies/Uniform Cost Authorization	(Optional)
Acknowledgment of Receipt of Mandatory Documents	(Optional)
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Please read instructions carefully before completing this form. The instructions must be available during completion of this form.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE: It is illegal to discriminate against work eligible individuals. Employers CANNOT specify which document(s) they will accept from an employee. The refusal to hire an individual because the documents have a future expiration date may also constitute illegal discrimination.

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# LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS

#### LIST A

#### LIST B

#### LIST C

#### Documents that Establish Both **Identity and Employment** Eligibility

#### **Documents that Establish** Identity

#### **Documents that Establish Employment Eligibility**

Eligibility	OR	AND
1. U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired)	1.D river's license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color and address	1. U.S. Social Security card issued by the Social Security Administration (other than a card stating it is not valid for employment)
2. Permanent Resident Card or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-551)	2.I D card issued by federal, state or local government agencies or entities, provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, gender, height, eye color and address	2.Certific ation of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350)
3. An unexpired foreign passport with a temporary I-551 stamp	3.S chool ID card with a photograph	3. Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
4. An unexpired Employment Authorization Document that contains	4. Voter's registration card	4. Native American tribal document
a photograph (Form I-766, I-688, I-688A, I-688B)	5. U.S. Military card or draft record	5. U.S. Citizen ID Card (Form I-197)
5. An unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired Arrival-Departure	6. Military dependent's ID card	6.1 D Card for use of Resident
Record, Form I-94, bearing the same name as the passport and containing	7.U .S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card	Citizen in the United States (Form I-179)
an endorsement of the alien's nonimmigrant status, if that status	8. Native American tribal document	7.U nexpired employment
authorizes the alien to work for the employer	9.D river's license issued by a Canadian government authority	authorization document issued by DHS (other than those listed under List A)
	For persons under age 18 who are unable to present a document listed above:	
	10. School record or report card	
	11. Clinic, doctor or hospital record	
	12. Day-care or nursery school record	

Illustrations of many of these documents appear in Part 8 of the Handbook for Employers (M-274)

#### RULES OF DISCIPLINE

- 1. FAIRNESS. Ask yourself the following question: Is it fair to discipline this employee based upon the <u>quality and quantity</u> of the facts before you?
- 2. CONSISTENCY. In the past has the Company imposed the same discipline in similar situations?
- 3. UNIFORMITY. The Company has an employee handbook, so employees know what is to be expected of them and what the Company provides for them for benefits. As a supervisor you must promote the understanding of such policies to each employee.

Examples:

Excessive absenteeism.

Insubordination.

- 4. HONESTY. During discipline it is essential that you are candid and direct with the employee regarding performance and performance appraisals. Never tell any employee they are being laid off when performance is the real issue.
- 5. BE OBJECTIVE. To demonstrate validity and legality of actions.
- 6. FOLLOW RULES 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Be in a position to demonstrate all of the above. Imagine yourself in the witness chair. This is what you want to portray to the judge or the jury.

#### REGLAS DE DISCIPLINA

- 1. IMPARCIALIDAD. Pregúntese a sí mismo la siguiente pregunta: ¿Es justo disciplinar a este empleado basado en <u>la calidad y la cantidad</u> de hechos que usted está considerando?
- 2. CONSISTENCIA. ¿En el pasado, ha impuesto el Mercado la misma disciplina en situaciones similares?
- 3. UNIFORMIDAD. El Mercado tiene un manual para empleados para que los empleados sepan lo que se espera de ellos y lo que el Mercado les ofrece en forma de beneficios. Como supervisor, usted debe promover el entendimiento de esas pólizas con cada empleado.

Ejemplos:

Faltas excesivas

Insubordinación

- 4. HONESTIDAD. Durante la disciplina, es esencial que usted sea franco y directo con el empleado con respecto al rendimiento de trabajo del empleado y la evaluación de ese rendimiento. Nunca le diga a un empleado que se le esta dando "lay off," cuando la verdadera razón es la calidad o el rendimiento de trabajo del empleado.
- 5. SEA OBJETIVO. Para demostrar validez y legalidad de acción.
- 6. SIGA LAS REGLAS 1, 2, 3, 4 y 5. Póngase en la posición de poder demostrar todas las reglas de arriba. Imagínese que usted esta atestiguando. Estas reglas es lo que usted quiere poder demostrar a un juez o a un jurado.