HANDOUT M: WORKPLACE PROBLEMS

Gossip:

Bullying:

Harassment

You work at a restaurant washing dishes in the back kitchen. The chef often asks you why you are working in the back, and states that you would help the restaurant get great tips as a waiter based on your looks. He makes comments about your appearance every day, and you sometimes see him wink at you from across the kitchen.

You work at a hardware store with many coworkers of different ages. One of your coworkers who is older than you likes to talk about another coworker behind her back. You are not comfortable talking about people behind their back because you think it is mean.

You work at a used clothing store. You sort clothes and other donations. The clerk you work with says you aren't working fast enough and keeps giving you dirty looks, making you feel really bad. He says that you should not work there if you are going to be so slow.







Safety

Lack of Training:

Communication Problems:

You work in ground maintenance. You use a rotary spreader to roll lawn fertilizer along the grass after it is mowed. Your partner often asks you to finish mowing the lawn while he starts to prepare the weedwhacker. You do not know what all the buttons on the lawnmower do, but you do not want to tell him no so you do it anyway. You work in an office. Your boss tells you to copy several items, then run an errand, and then gather a bunch of supplies. She talks quickly and you don't understand what she wants.. You work in a factory that is very noisy. It is so loud you can't hear people talking right next to you, making it hard to know what you need to do. You have been given ear plugs to wear, but they don't fit right, and they hurt when you wear them. You want to have special earmuffs that fit over your ears instead.





