

## **Violence and Harassment Policy Statement**

The John Aarts Group is committed to building and preserving a safe working environment for its employees. In pursuit of this goal, JAG will work to prevent acts of violence, harassment, and sexual harassment on John Aarts Group premises, in compliance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

As such, the John Aarts Group has adopted policies prohibiting physical or verbal threats (with or without the use of weapons); intimidation; inappropriate comments relating to sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and violence in the workplace to minimize risk of injury or harm resulting from violence to John Aarts Group employees.

JAG will conduct violence risk assessments as often as necessary. In addition, JAG will provide appropriate training on violence, harassment, and sexual harassment in the workplace to all staff. JAG will fully investigate all incidents or complaints of violence, harassment, or sexual harassment in the workplace and will communicate the results of all investigations to the involved employees. All complaints will be handled with confidentiality, in compliance with the Act.

The John Aarts Group does not condone domestic violence and will work to assist and protect any staff members who may be subject to domestic violence.

It is a violation of this policy for anyone to knowingly make a false complaint of harassment or violence, or to provide false information about a complaint. Individuals who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary and corrective action, up to and including termination of employment.

February 10, 2023

Signature Date

