# New York: Sexual Harassment Complaint Form

# Explain this to me

Effective October 9, 2018, every employer in New York State is required to adopt a sexual harassment policy and a complaint form. The New York Sexual Harassment Policy is included separately in the Employee Handbook Builder. This complaint form is modeled on the sample form provided by the New York State Department of Labor and the New York State Division of Human Rights in its guidance, available online at <https://www.ny.gov/combating-sexual-harassment-workplace/employers>. The form does not have to be included in the employers’ sexual harassment policy, but employers must be clear about where the form may be found, for example, as part of an employee handbook or on a company’s internal website. We do not recommend making modifications to the complaint form since it was drafted to maximize an employer's legal protection.

**Form**

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If you believe that you have been subjected to sexual harassment, you are encouraged to complete this form and submit it to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If you are more comfortable reporting verbally or in another manner, you may do so and can follow the guidelines set forth in the Sexual Harassment policy. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint. Once a complaint is received, ##company\_name## will follow the investigation process described in our policy.

**General Information**

Your Name / Job Title:

Your Department / Supervisor:

Preferred Communication Method (if via e-mail or phone, please provide contact info):

## Complaint Information

### Please tell us who you believe has violated our policy against sexual harassment. What is their relationship to you (e.g., supervisor, subordinate, co-worker, other):

### Please describe what happened and how it is affecting you and your work. Please use additional sheets of paper if necessary and attach any relevant documents or evidence.

### Please provide specific date(s) the alleged sexual harassment occurred. Additionally, please advise if the alleged sexual harassment is continuing.

### Please list the name and contact information of any witnesses or individuals who may have information related to your complaint.

*This last question is optional, but may help the investigation*

### Have you previously complained or provided information (verbal or written) about related incidents? If yes, when and to whom did you complain or provide information?

If you have retained legal counsel and would like us to work with them, please provide their contact information.

**Sign and date this form below**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_