

### **3.13 Workplace Violence and Security, and Monitoring**

MCWD recognizes the importance of maintaining a safe and violence-free workplace. MCWD is committed to providing a workplace that is free from acts or threats of violence. Although some kinds of violence result from societal problems that are beyond MCWD's control, MCWD believes that measures can be adopted to increase protection for employees and to provide a secure workplace. Accordingly, acts and/or threats of violence by or toward employees will not be tolerated and will be grounds for discipline and/or other remedial action up to and including immediate termination. Similarly, acts and/or threats of violence by visitors, members of the public, or other non-employees will likewise not be tolerated and will be grounds for appropriate remedial action. Remedial action includes, but is not limited to, removal of offenders from the premises, removal of employees from work schedules, unpaid administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation, disciplinary action up to and including termination, the filing of a temporary restraining order or court ordered injunction, and such other actions as may be deemed appropriate based on specific conditions and circumstances.

MCWD believes prevention of workplace violence begins with recognition and awareness of potential early warning signs of a situation that presents the possibility of violence. Workplace violence includes threats of any kind; threatening or physically aggressive or violent behavior; harassing or threatening phone calls; stalking; other behavior that suggests a propensity toward violence such as belligerent speech, excessive arguing or swearing, sabotage or threats of sabotage of MCWD property; a demonstrated pattern or refusal to follow MCWD policies and procedures; defacing MCWD property or causing physical damage to MCWD facilities; or bringing weapons, firearms or any device reasonably believed by MCWD to be hazardous or a threat on MCWD premises.

Consequently, every employee has an obligation to report to his/her supervisor, or a member of the management staff, any incident involving any threat or act of violence, use or observation of any weapon or hazardous device on MCWD premises or vehicles, including acts of intimidation or confrontational behavior. Employees should request assistance from the nearest available manager to help resolve any difficult situation or security problem. Do not confront any person who is hostile or overly agitated. Instead, immediately report to management any person(s) who acts in a suspicious, hostile, or violent manner. All reports of workplace violence will be taken seriously and will be reviewed promptly, and appropriate corrective action will be taken.

In addition to these efforts, all employees are to notify management of any security hazards. Recommendations of appropriate action to prevent workplace violence and limit access to work areas by unauthorized persons should be made to management or directly to the General Manager or designee.

In an effort to ensure the proper security of MCWD premises and related work locations, MCWD may visit, inspect, monitor and/or provide camera surveillance at certain locations, and from time to time, as conditions warrant.