Definitions – Prevention activities increase awareness and minimize the potential for crisis in the workplace. Training is essential for all staff to learn how to recognize early warning signs, so that appropriate intervention can be provided for identified areas of conflict in the workplace.

Crisis or conflict constitutes any inappropriate or unreasonable disruption that interferes with the normal functioning of your work.

Acts of violence include any physical action, whether intentional or reckless, that harms or threatens the safety of self, another individual or property.

A threat of violence includes any behavior that by its very nature could be interpreted by a reasonable person as intent to cause physical harm to self, another individual or property.

Workplace includes off-campus locations as well as college-sponsored activities where faculty, staff, or student employees are engaged in college business or locations where incidents occur as a result of the person's relationship to the college community.

Emergencies – Any employee shall immediately report any situation that threatens life or property and demands an immediate response of police, fire, or medical personnel by first dialing 911 and then notifying law enforcement.

Equipment and Sanitation – Should the duties of an employee require the use of equipment to ensure the safety of the employee, the District shall furnish such equipment. Complaints related to health safety, sanitation and working conditions shall be forwarded to the Safety Committee for review and recommendation.

Crisis and Conflict Intervention – Any employee experiencing an unsafe work condition should immediately contact his/her supervisor or the Human Resources Department. The supervisor shall immediately notify the Human Resources Department about any acts or threats of violence. The employee will be provided consultation regarding resources available to resolve the unsafe work condition.

It is the responsibility of all employees to immediately report threats, acts of violence or any other behavior which deliberately hurts or harms another person at the college to their immediate supervisor and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Office, Cabrillo College Division. Such reports will be promptly and thoroughly investigated.

Restraining Orders/Court Orders – An employee shall notify law enforcement of any restraining orders/court orders when named as a plaintiff, and provide a copy of the order to campus law enforcement. In the event the supervisor is informed by an employee of a
restraining order, the supervisor will contact campus law enforcement, ensure they are aware of it, and that they have a copy of the restraining order on file.

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