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Hospitality Tips that Cost Nothing

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1 Check your Records

Make sure you are already compliant. Check to ensure that you have all of the records properly archived, dated and signed.

2 Be 'Equality Aware'

Make sure that those members of your team that are responsible for recruitment, pay and job design are familiar with The Employment Equality Acts 1998 and 2004.

3 Terms of Employment

They're not implicit. Under the Terms of Employment (Information) Act, 1994 you must issue terms of employment within 60 days.

4 Payment of Wages & Deductions

You cannot deduct wages unless deductions are agreed, such as contributions, taxes and subscriptions. If for example there is a till shortage, any deduction from wages must have been made known in advance.

5 Baby Talk

Expectant mothers have employment rights, a right to attend medical appointments, the right to maternity leave, right to ante and post natal time-off and a right to return to work.

6 Sick pay

There is no obligation to pay an employee who is out due to sickness. There is an obligation to stipulate this in the terms and conditions. However, it should be explained in a staff handbook.

7 Bullying & Harassment

There is a duty of care to an employee for the employer to investigate all claims of alleged bullying and harassment. If an employee leaves for this reason after raising such a grievance, you may have a case of constructive dismissal.

8 Native English Speakers

This stipulation in recruitment really needs to be a requirement before you employ somebody in the hospitality sector. Otherwise you may be in breach of equality legislation. Be wise before you decide on this competency.

9 Organisation of Working Time Act 1997

This piece of legislation regulates the hours worked, the breaks to be taken and the holiday entitlements for every employee.

10 NERA Contact Details

The National Employment Rights Authority - NERA Information Service
Lo-Call 1890 80 80 or visit
www.employmentrights.ie

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