

Employee Handbook

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1.0 Welcome

Welcome! You have just joined a dedicated organization. We hope that your employment with Four Star Software Inc will be rewarding and challenging. We take pride in our employees as well as in the products and services we provide.

The Company complies with all federal and state employment laws, and this handbook generally reflects those laws. The Company also complies with any applicable local laws, although there may not be an express written policy regarding those laws contained in the handbook.

The employment policies and/or benefits summaries in this handbook are written for all employees. When questions arise concerning the interpretation of these policies as they relate to employees who are covered by a collective-bargaining agreement, the answers will be determined by reference to the actual union contract, rather than the summaries contained in this handbook.

Please take the time now to read this handbook carefully. Sign the acknowledgment at the end to show that you have read, understood, and agree to the contents of this handbook, which sets out the basic rules and guidelines concerning your employment. This handbook supersedes any previously issued handbooks or policy statements dealing with the subjects discussed herein. The Company reserves the right to interpret, modify, or supplement the provisions of this handbook at any time. Neither this handbook nor any other communication by a management representative or other, whether oral or written, is intended in any way to create a contract of employment. Please understand that no employee handbook can address every situation in the work place.

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1.0 Welcome

1.1 At-Will Employment

Your employment with Four Star Software Inc is on an "at-will" basis. This means your employment may be terminated at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause. Likewise, we respect your right to leave the Company at any time, with or without notice and with or without cause.

Nothing in this handbook or any other Company document should be understood as creating a contract, guaranteed or continued employment, a right to termination only "for cause," or any other guarantee of continued benefits or employment. Only the President has the authority to make promises or negotiate with regard to guaranteed or continued employment, and any such promises are only effective if placed in writing and signed by the President.

If a written contract between you and the Company is inconsistent with this handbook, the written contract is controlling.

Nothing in this handbook will be interpreted, applied, or enforced to interfere with, restrain, or coerce employees in the exercise of their rights under Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act.

This policy may not be appropriate in its entirety for employees working in Montana.

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2.0 Introductory Language and Policies

2.1 Ethics Code

Four Star Software Inc will conduct business honestly and ethically wherever operations are maintained. We strive to improve the quality of our services, products, and operations and will maintain a reputation for honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility, integrity, trust, and sound business judgment. Our managers and employees are expected to adhere to high standards of business and personal integrity as a representation of our business practices, at all times consistent with their duty of loyalty to the Company.

We expect that officers, directors, and employees will not knowingly misrepresent the Company and will not speak on behalf of the Company unless specifically authorized. The confidentiality of trade secrets, proprietary information, and similar confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) about the Company or operations, or that of our customers or partners, is to be treated with discretion and only disseminated on a need-to-know basis (see policies relating to privacy).

Violation of the Code of Ethics can result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment. The degree of discipline imposed may be influenced by the existence of voluntary disclosure of any ethical violation and whether or not the violator cooperated in any subsequent investigation.

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2.2 Revisions to Handbook

This handbook is our attempt to keep you informed of the terms and conditions of your employment, including Four Star Software Inc policies and procedures. The handbook is not a contract. The Company reserves the right to revise, add, or delete from this handbook as we determine to be in our best interest, except the policy concerning at-will employment. When changes are made to the policies and guidelines contained herein, we will endeavor to communicate them in a timely fashion in a posting on the Company's Intranet site at <http://intranet.fusionmedia.com>. The Company will email a notification of availability to the fusionmedia.com email address of each employee.

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3.0 Hiring and Orientation Policies

3.1 Conflicts of Interest

Four Star Software Inc is concerned with conflicts of interest that create actual or potential job-related concerns, especially in the areas of confidentiality, customer relations, safety, security, and morale. If there is any actual or potential conflict of interest between you and a competitor, supplier, distributor, or contractor to the Company, you must disclose it to your Supervisor. If an actual or potential conflict of interest is determined to exist, the Company will take such steps as it deems necessary to reduce or eliminate this conflict.

3.2 New Hires and Introductory Periods

The first 90 days of your employment is considered an introductory period. During this period, you will become familiar with Four Star Software Inc and your job responsibilities, and we will have the opportunity to monitor the quality and value of your performance and make any necessary adjustments in your job description or responsibilities. Your introductory period with the Company can be shortened or lengthened as deemed appropriate by management and Human Resources. Completion of this introductory period does not imply guaranteed or continued employment. Nothing that occurs during or after this period should be construed to change the nature of the "at-will" employment relationship.

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3.3 Employment Authorization Verification

New hires will be required to complete Section 1 of federal Form I-9 on the first day of paid employment and must present acceptable documents authorized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services proving identity and employment authorization no later than the third business day following the start of employment with Four Star Software Inc. If you are currently employed and have not complied with this requirement or if your status has changed, inform your Supervisor.

If you are authorized to work in this country for a limited period of time, you will be required to submit proof of renewed employment eligibility prior to expiration of that period to remain employed by the Company.

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4.1 Attendance

If you know ahead of time that you will be absent or late, provide reasonable advance notice to your Supervisor. You may be required to provide documentation of any medical or other excuse for being absent or late where permitted by applicable law.

Four Star Software Inc reserves the right to apply unused vacation, sick time, or other paid time off to unauthorized absences where permitted by applicable law. Absences resulting from approved leave, vacation, or legal requirements are exceptions to the policy.

Paid Time Off (PTO)

The PTO schedule and policy is as follows:

- Annual PTO is available immediately at the start of employment/start of calendar year
- Prorated for partial year the first year of employment
- First year of employment - 10 days off
- Two or more years of employment - 15 days off
- Unused PTO may be carried six months over into the following year

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4.2 Direct Deposit

Four Star Software Inc encourages all employees to enroll in direct deposit. If you would like to take advantage of direct deposit, ask Payroll for an application form. Typically, the bank will begin the direct deposit of your payroll within 30 calendar days after you submit your completed application.

If you have selected the direct deposit payroll service, a written explanation of your deductions will be given to you on paydays described in the preceding sections in lieu of a check.

4.3 Job Abandonment

If you fail to show up for work or fail to call in with an acceptable reason for the absence for a period of three consecutive days, you will be considered to have abandoned your job and voluntarily resigned from Four Star Software Inc.

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4.4 Paycheck Deductions

Four Star Software Inc is required by law to make certain deductions from your pay each pay period, including deductions for federal income tax, Social Security and Medicare (FICA) taxes, state income taxes, state unemployment taxes, state disability insurance taxes, etc., and any other deductions required under law or by court order for wage garnishments. The amount of your tax deductions will depend on your earnings and the information you list on your federal Form W-4 and applicable state withholding form. Permissible deductions for exempt employees may also include, but are not limited to, deductions for full-day absences for reasons other than sickness or disability and certain disciplinary suspensions. You may also authorize certain voluntary deductions from your paycheck where permissible under state law. Your deductions will be reflected in your wage statement. If you have any questions about deductions from your pay, contact your Supervisor.

The Company will not make deductions to your pay that are prohibited by federal, state, or local law. Review your paycheck for errors each pay period and immediately report any discrepancies to your Supervisor.

You will be reimbursed in full for any isolated, inadvertent, or improper deductions, as defined by law. If an error is found, you will receive an immediate adjustment, which will be paid no later than your next regular payday.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who report erroneous deductions in accordance with this policy.

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4.5 Recording Time

Four Star Software Inc is required by applicable federal, state, and local laws to keep accurate records of hours worked by certain employees. To ensure that the Company has complete and accurate time records and that employees are paid for all hours worked, nonexempt employees are required to record all working time using Company approved method. Exempt employees may also be required to track days or time worked. Speak with your Supervisor for specific instructions.

You must accurately record all of your time to ensure you are paid for all hours worked and must follow established Company procedures for recording your hours worked. Time must be recorded as follows:

- Immediately before starting your shift.
- Immediately after finishing work, before your meal period.
- Immediately before resuming work, after your meal period.
- Immediately after finishing work.
- Immediately before and after any other time away from work.

Notify your Supervisor of any pay discrepancies, unrecorded or misrecorded work hours, or any involuntarily missed meal or break periods.

Falsifying time entries is strictly prohibited. Falsifying time entries includes working "off the clock." If you falsify your own time records, or the time records of co-workers, or if you work off the clock, you will be subject to discipline up to and including termination. Immediately report to your Supervisor or appropriate department any employee, supervisor, or manager who falsifies your time entries or encourages or requires you to falsify your time entries or work off the clock.

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5.0 Performance, Discipline, Layoff, and Termination

5.1 Open Door/Conflict Resolution Process

Four Star Software Inc strives to provide a comfortable, productive, legal, and ethical work environment. To this end, we want you to bring any problems, concerns, or grievances you have about the work place to the attention of your Supervisor and, if necessary, to Human Resources or upper level management. To help manage conflict resolution we have instituted the following problem solving procedure:

If you believe there is inappropriate conduct or activity on the part of the Company, management, its employees, vendors, customers, or any other persons or entities related to the Company, bring your concerns to the attention of your Supervisor at a time and place that will allow the person to properly listen to your concern. Most problems can be resolved informally through dialogue between you and your immediate Supervisor. If you have already brought this matter to the attention of your Supervisor before and do not believe you have received a sufficient response, or if you believe that person is the source of the problem, present your concerns to Human Resources or upper level management. Describe the problem, those persons involved in the problem, efforts you have made to resolve the problem, and any suggested solution you may have.

5.2 Standards of Conduct

Four Star Software Inc wishes to create a work environment that promotes job satisfaction, respect, responsibility, integrity, and value for all our employees, clients, customers, and other stakeholders. We all share in the responsibility of improving the quality of our work environment. By deciding to work here, you agree to follow our rules.

While it is impossible to list everything that could be considered misconduct in the workplace, what is outlined here is a list of common-sense infractions that could result in discipline, up to and including immediate termination of employment. This policy is not intended to limit our right to discipline or discharge employees for any reason permitted by law.

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Examples of inappropriate conduct include:

- Violation of the policies and procedures set forth in this handbook.
- Possessing, using, distributing, selling, or negotiating the sale of illegal drugs or other controlled substances.
- Being under the influence of alcohol during working hours on Company property (including in Company vehicles), or on Company business.
- Inaccurate reporting of the hours worked by you or any other employees.
- Providing knowingly inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information when speaking on behalf of the Company or in the preparation of any employment-related documents including, but not limited to, job applications, personnel files, employment review documents, intra-company communications, or expense records.
- Taking or destroying Company property.
- Possession of potentially hazardous or dangerous property (where not permitted) such as firearms, weapons, chemicals, etc., without prior authorization.
- Fighting with, or harassment of (as defined in our EEO policy), any fellow employee, vendor, or customer.

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- Disclosure of Company trade secrets and proprietary and confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development information, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) of the Company or its customers, contractors, suppliers, or vendors.
- Refusal or failure to follow directions or to perform a requested or required job task.
- Excessive tardiness or absences.
- Smoking in nondesignated areas.
- Working unauthorized overtime.
- Solicitation of fellow employees on Company premises during working hours.
- Failure to dress according to Company policy.
- Use of obscene or harassing (as defined by our EEO policy) language in the workplace.
- Engaging in outside employment that interferes with your ability to perform your job at this Company.
- Gambling on Company premises.
- Lending keys or keycards to Company property to unauthorized persons.

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- Refusal or failure to follow safety rules and procedures.
- Excessive tardiness or absences.
- Smoking in nondesignated areas.
- Working unauthorized overtime.
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6.0 General Policies

6.1 Nonsolicitation/Nondistribution Policy

To avoid disruption of business operations or disturbance of employees, visitors, and others, Four Star Software Inc has implemented a Nonsolicitation/Nondistribution Policy. For purposes of this policy, "solicitation" includes, but is not limited to, selling items or services, requesting contributions, and soliciting or seeking to obtain membership in or support for any organization. Solicitation performed through verbal, written, or electronic means is covered by the Nonsolicitation/Nondistribution Policy.

You are prohibited from soliciting other employees during your assigned working time. For this purpose, working time means time during which either you or the employees who are the object of the solicitation are expected to be actively engaged with assigned work. You may conduct solicitations during your lunch period, coffee breaks, or other authorized nonworking time, so long as you do so when the other employees are also on nonworking time.

To avoid inappropriate litter, clutter, and safety risks, you may not distribute literature or other items that are not work related in working areas at any time. Working areas do not include break/rest areas, lunchrooms, or parking lots. Electronic distribution of materials is prohibited during work time. Literature that violates the company's equal employment opportunity (EEO) and non-harassment policies (including threats of violence), or is knowingly and recklessly false, is never permitted. Non-employees are not permitted to distribute materials on company premises at any time.

This policy is not intended to restrict the statutory rights of employees, including the right to discuss terms and conditions of employment.

Violations of this policy should be reported to your Supervisor.

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6.2 Personal Appearance

Your personal appearance reflects on the reputation, integrity, and public image of Four Star Software Inc. All employees are required to report to work neatly groomed and dressed. You are expected to maintain personal hygiene habits that are generally accepted in the community, including clean clothing, good grooming and personal hygiene, and appropriate attire for the workplace and the work being performed. This may include wearing uniforms or protective safety clothing and equipment, depending upon the job. Use common sense and good judgment in determining what to wear to work.

Fragrant products, including but not limited to perfumes, colognes, and scented body lotions or hair products, should be used in moderation out of concern for others with sensitivities or allergies.

The Company, in accordance with applicable law, will reasonably accommodate employees with disabilities or religious beliefs that make it difficult for them to comply fully with the personal appearance policy unless doing so would impose an undue hardship on the Company. Contact your Supervisor to request a reasonable accommodation.

Failure to comply with the personal appearance standards may result in being sent home to groom or change clothes. Frequent violations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

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6.3 Personal Data Changes

It is your obligation to provide Four Star Software Inc with your current contact information, including current mailing address and telephone number. Inform the Company of any changes to your marital or tax withholding status. Failure to do so may result in loss of benefits or delayed receipt of W-2 and other mailings. To make changes to this information, contact Payroll or the appropriate department, or person.

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6.4 Social Media

At Four Star Software Inc, we recognize the Internet provides unique opportunities to participate in interactive discussions and share information using a wide variety of social media. However, use of social media also presents certain risks and carries with it certain responsibilities. To minimize risks to the Company, you are expected to follow our guidelines for appropriate use of social media.

This policy applies to all employees who work for the Company.

Guidelines

For purposes of this policy, social media includes all means of communicating or posting information or content of any sort on the Internet, including to your own or someone else's web log or blog, journal or diary, personal website, social networking or affinity website, web bulletin board or a chat room, whether associated or affiliated with the Company, as well as any other form of electronic communication.

Company principles, guidelines, and policies apply to online activities just as they apply to other areas of work. Ultimately, you are solely responsible for what you communicate in social media. You may be personally responsible for any litigation that may arise should you make unlawful defamatory, slanderous, or libelous statements against any customer, manager, owner, or employees of the Company.

Know and Follow the Rules

Ensure your postings are consistent with these guidelines. Postings that include unlawful discriminatory remarks, harassment, and threats of violence or other unlawful conduct will not be tolerated and may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

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6.4 Social Media

Be Respectful

The Company cannot force or mandate respectful and courteous activity by employees on social media during nonworking time. If you decide to post complaints or criticism, avoid using statements, photographs, video, or audio that reasonably could be viewed as unlawful, slanderous, threatening, or that might constitute unlawful harassment. Examples of such conduct might include defamatory or slanderous posts meant to harm someone's reputation or posts that could contribute to a hostile work environment on the basis of race, sex, disability, age, national origin, religion, veteran status, or any other status or class protected by law or Company policy. Your personal posts and social media activity should not reflect upon or refer to the Company.

Maintain Accuracy and Confidentiality

When posting information:

- Maintain the confidentiality of trade secrets, intellectual property, and confidential commercially sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) related to the Company.
- Do not create a link from your personal blog, website, or other social networking site to a Company website that identifies you as speaking on behalf of the Company.

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- Never represent yourself as a spokesperson for the Company. If the Company is a subject of the content you are creating, do not represent yourself as speaking on behalf of the Company. Make it clear in your social media activity that you are speaking on your own behalf.
- Respect copyright, trademark, third-party rights, and similar laws and use such protected information in compliance with applicable legal standards.

Using Social Media at Work

Do not use social media while on your work time, unless it is work related as authorized by your manager or consistent with policies that cover equipment owned by the Company.

Media Contacts

If you are not authorized to speak on behalf of the Company, do not speak to the media on behalf of the Company. Direct all media inquiries for official Company responses to Human Resources.

Retaliation and Your Rights

Retaliation or any other negative action is prohibited against anyone who, based on a reasonable belief, reports a possible deviation from this policy or cooperates in an investigation. Those who retaliate against others for reporting a possible deviation from this policy or for cooperating in an investigation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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Nothing in this policy is designed to interfere with, restrain, or prevent employees from communications regarding wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment, or to restrain employees in exercising any other right protected by law. All employees have the right to engage in or refrain from such activities.

6.5 Third Party Disclosures

From time to time, Four Star Software Inc may become involved in news stories or potential or actual legal proceedings of various kinds. When that happens, lawyers, former employees, newspapers, law enforcement agencies, and other outside persons may contact our employees to obtain information about the incident or the actual or potential lawsuit.

If you receive such a contact, you should not speak on behalf of the Company and should refer any call requesting the position of the Company to any member of management. If you have any questions about this policy or are not certain what to do when such a contact is made, contact your immediate supervisor.

6.6 Workplace Privacy and Right to Inspect

Four Star Software Inc property, including but not limited to lockers, phones, computers, tablets, desks, work place areas, vehicles, or machinery, remains under the control of the Company and is subject to inspection at any time, without notice to any employees, and without their presence.

You should have no expectation of privacy in any of these areas. We assume no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, your property maintained on Company premises including that kept in lockers and desks.

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7.0 Benefits

7.1 Exempt Personnel

If you are classified as exempt at the time of your hiring, you are not eligible for overtime pay as otherwise required by federal, state, or local laws. If you have a question regarding whether you are exempt or nonexempt, contact your Supervisor for clarification.

7.2 Nonexempt Personnel

If you are classified as nonexempt at the time of your hiring, you will be eligible for minimum wage and overtime pay in accordance with federal, state, and local laws. If you have a question regarding whether you are exempt or nonexempt, contact your Supervisor for clarification.

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7.3 Paid Sick Leave (Frontloading Method)

Four Star Software Inc provides paid sick leave to all eligible employees in accordance with California's Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act.

Eligibility

All employees who have worked in California for at least 30 days within a year after beginning employment are entitled to receive sick leave.

Reasons for Leave

Sick leave may be taken for the following reasons:

- The diagnosis, care, or treatment of an existing health condition, or preventive care for you or your family member.
- To seek care, psychological counseling, shelter or support services, safety-related measures, or any relief, including restraining orders, to help ensure your own or your child's health, safety, or welfare if you or your child is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Family member means:

- Your children (including biological, adopted, or foster children, legal wards, children of a domestic partner, or children for whom you stand in loco parentis).
- Your spouse or registered domestic partner.

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7.3 Paid Sick Leave (Frontloading Method)

- Your parents or your spouse or registered domestic partner's parents (including biological, foster, and stepparents; adoptive parents; legal guardians; or persons who stood in loco parentis when you, or your spouse or domestic partner, was a minor child.
- Your grandparents.
- Your grandchildren.
- Your siblings.

Amount of Leave and Usage

Eligible employees are provided with 40 hours of paid sick leave at the beginning of each leave year. For purposes of this policy the leave year is the calendar year. New hires will be awarded an amount through the end of the year they start prorated for the time left in the year. You will not be allowed to carry over any unused leave to the next leave year.

You must work 90 days before you can use paid sick leave. Any unused sick leave expires at the end of the leave year and does not carry over to the following leave year.

You may only use 40 hours (five days) of paid sick leave per leave year. Paid sick leave may be taken in no less than two-hour increments.

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7.3 Paid Sick Leave (Frontloading Method)

Notice

If your need for leave is foreseeable, you must provide as much advance notice as possible. If unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practical. If known, notice should include the expected length of the absence.

Documentation

The Company may request documentation verifying the appropriate use of leave.

Payment Upon Termination

You will not be paid for any unused sick leave when your employment ends.

Reinstatement of Sick Leave Upon Rehire

The Company will reinstate previously accrued, unused sick leave if you separate and are rehired within one year.

Interaction with Other Leave

Sick leave will run concurrently with other types of leave where permitted under applicable law.

Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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7.4 Regular Full-time Personnel

Regular full-time employees are those who have completed their introductory period and are regularly scheduled to work more than 30 hours per week. Unless stated otherwise or specifically permitted by law, all the benefits provided to employees at Four Star Software Inc are for regular full-time employees only. This includes vacation, holiday pay, health insurance, and other benefits coverage.

Employer Contribution: Fusion Media will pay the first \$700 of the health insurance premium for individual employees and the first \$1,000 of the premium for employees with dependents. Dental and Vision products are voluntary, the employee will be responsible for 100% of the cost through payroll deduction.

7.5 Regular Part-time Personnel

All employees who work fewer than 30 hours per week are considered part time. Part-time employees are not eligible for Four Star Software Inc benefits unless specified otherwise in this handbook, in the benefit plan summaries, or specifically permitted by law.

7.6 Unemployment Compensation Insurance

Unemployment compensation insurance is paid for by Four Star Software Inc and provides temporary income for employees who have lost their job under certain circumstances. Your eligibility for unemployment compensation will, in part, be determined by the reasons for your separation from the Company.

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7.7 Workers' Compensation Insurance

Workers' compensation is a no-fault system designed to provide benefits to all employees for work-related injuries. Workers' compensation insurance coverage is paid for by employers and governed by state law. The workers' compensation system provides for coverage of medical treatment and expenses, occupational disability leave, and rehabilitation services, as well as payment for lost wages due to work related injuries. If you are injured on the job while working at Four Star Software Inc, no matter how slightly, you are to report the incident immediately to your Supervisor. Consistent with applicable state law, failure to report an injury within a reasonable period of time could jeopardize your claim for benefits.

To receive workers' compensation benefits, notify your Supervisor immediately of your claim. If your injury is the result of an on-the-job accident, you must fill out an accident report. You will be required to submit a medical release before you can return to work.

7.8 Military Leave (USERRA)

Four Star Software Inc complies with applicable federal and state law regarding military leave and re-employment rights. Unpaid military leave of absence will be granted to members of the uniformed services in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA; with amendments) and all applicable state law. You must submit documentation of the need for leave to your Supervisor or appropriate department. When returning from military leave of absence, you will be reinstated to your previous position or a similar position, in accordance with state and federal law. You must notify your Supervisor of your intent to return to employment based on requirements of the law. For more information regarding status, compensation, benefits, and reinstatement upon return from military leave, contact your Supervisor or appropriate department.

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8.0 Safety and Loss Prevention

8.1 Drug and Alcohol Policy

Four Star Software Inc is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and productive work environment. Consistent with this commitment, it is the intent of the Company to maintain a drug and alcohol-free workplace. Being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs (as classified under federal, state, or local laws), or other impairing substances while on the job may pose a serious health and safety risk to others, and will not be tolerated.

Prohibited Conduct

The Company expressly prohibits employees from engaging in the following activities when they are on duty or conducting Company business or on Company premises (whether or not they are working):

- The use, abuse, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or other impairing substances.
- The possession, sale, purchase, transfer, or transit of any illegal or unauthorized drug, including prescription medication that is not prescribed to the individual, or drug-related paraphernalia.
- The illegal use or abuse of prescription drugs.

While the use of marijuana has been legalized under some state laws for medicinal and/or recreational uses, it remains an illegal drug under federal law. The Company does not discriminate against employees solely on the basis of their lawful off-duty use of marijuana. You may not consume or be under the influence of marijuana while on duty or at work. If you have a valid prescription for medical marijuana, refer to the Company Disability Accommodation policy for additional information.

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Nothing in this policy is meant to prohibit your appropriate use of over-the-counter medication or other medication that can legally be prescribed under both federal and state law, if it does not impair your job performance or safety or the safety of others. If you take over-the-counter medication or other medication that can legally be prescribed under both federal and state law to treat a disability, inform your Supervisor if you believe the medication may impair your job performance, safety, or the safety of others or if you believe you need a reasonable accommodation before reporting to work while under the influence of that medication.

Violations

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

8.2 General Safety

It is the responsibility of all Four Star Software Inc employees to maintain a healthy and safe work environment, report any health or safety hazards, and follow the Company health and safety rules. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. The Company also requires that all occupational illnesses or injuries be reported to your Supervisor as soon as reasonably possible and that an occupational illness or injury form be completed on each reported incident.

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8.3 Workplace Violence

As the safety and security of our employees, vendors, contractors, and the general public is in the best interests of Four Star Software Inc, we are committed to working with our employees to provide a work environment free from violence, intimidation, and other disruptive behavior.

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Company has a zero tolerance policy regarding workplace violence and will not tolerate acts or threats of violence, harassment, intimidation, and other disruptive behavior, either physical or verbal, that occurs in the workplace or other areas. This applies to management, co-workers, employees, and non-employees such as contractors, customers, and visitors.

Workplace violence can include oral or written statements, gestures, or expressions that communicate a direct or indirect threat of physical harm, damage to property, or any intentional behavior that may cause a person to feel threatened.

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8.3 Workplace Violence

Prohibited Conduct

Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Physically injuring another person.
- Threatening to injure a person or damage property by any means, including verbal, written, direct, indirect, or electronic means.
- Taking any action to place a person in reasonable fear of imminent harm or offensive contact.
- Possessing, brandishing, or using a firearm on Company property or while performing Company business except as permitted by state law.
- Violating a restraining order, order of protection, injunction against harassment, or other court order.

Reporting Incidents of Violence

Report to your Supervisor, in accordance with this policy, any behavior that compromises our ability to maintain a safe work environment. All reports will be investigated immediately and kept confidential, except where there is a legitimate need to know. You are expected to cooperate in any investigation of workplace violence.

Violations

Violating this policy may subject you to criminal charges as well as discipline up to and including immediate termination of employment.

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Retaliation

Victims and witnesses of workplace violence will not be retaliated against in any manner. In addition, you will not be subject to discipline for, based on a reasonable belief, reporting a threat or for cooperating in an investigation.

If you initiate, participate, are involved in retaliation, or obstruct an investigation into conduct prohibited by this policy, you will be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

If you believe you have been wrongfully retaliated against, immediately report the matter to your Supervisor or appropriate department.

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9.0 Trade Secrets and Inventions

9.1 Confidentiality and Nondisclosure of Trade Secrets

As a condition of employment, Four Star Software Inc employees are required to protect the confidentiality of Company trade secrets, proprietary information, and confidential commercially-sensitive information (i.e. financial or sales records/reports, marketing or business strategies/plans, product development, customer lists, patents, trademarks, etc.) related to the Company. Access to this information should be limited to a "need to know" basis and should not be used for personal benefit, disclosed, or released without prior authorization from management.

If you have information that leads you to suspect that employees are sharing such information in violation of this policy and/or competitors are obtaining such information, you are required to inform your Supervisor or appropriate department.

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination, and may subject the violator to civil liability.

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10.0 Customer Relations

10.1 Customer, Client, and Visitor Relations

Four Star Software Inc strives to provide the best products and services possible to our customers and clients. Our customers and clients support this business and generate your wages. You are expected to treat every customer, client, or visitor with the utmost respect and courtesy during your working time. You should never argue or act in a disrespectful manner towards a visitor or customer during your working time. If you are having problems with a customer, client, or visitor, notify your Supervisor immediately. If a customer, client, or visitor voices a suggestion, complaint, or concern regarding our products or services, inform your Supervisor or a member of management. Lastly, make every effort to be prompt in following up on customer, client, or visitor orders or questions. Positive customer, client, and visitor relations will go a long way to establishing our Company as a leader in its field.

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Four Star Software Inc will provide reasonable accommodations to employees who are the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking who request an accommodation for their safety while at work, provided the accommodation does not create an undue hardship on the Company.

Reasonable accommodations may include the implementation of safety measures such as:

- A transfer, reassignment, or modified schedule.
- A change in telephone number or workstation, or installed lock.
- Assistance in documenting domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other crime that occurs in the workplace.
- An implemented safety procedure or other adjustment to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement in response to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other crime.
- Referral to a victim assistance organization.

Upon receiving a request, the Company will engage in a timely, good faith, and interactive process with you to determine effective reasonable accommodations.

If you no longer need an accommodation, you must notify the Company that the accommodation is no longer needed. If circumstances change and you need a new accommodation, you must request one.

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Certification

When requesting a reasonable accommodation, you will be asked to submit a signed, written statement certifying that the accommodation is for an authorized purpose. You may also be asked to provide documentation that demonstrates your status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or ongoing circumstances related to the crime or abuse, such as:

- A police report showing that you were a victim.
- A court order protecting you from the perpetrator or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney that you appeared in court.
- Documentation from a medical professional, domestic violence counselor, sexual assault counselor, victim advocate, health care provider, or counselor showing that your absence was due to treatment for injuries from the crime or abuse.
- Any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred.

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Unpaid Leave

If you are a victim, the Company will also provide you with unpaid leave to obtain or attempt to obtain any relief, including, but not limited to, a temporary restraining order, restraining order, or other injunctive relief, to help ensure the health, safety, or welfare of you or your child.

For purposes of unpaid leave, victim includes:

- A victim of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual assault.
- A victim of a crime that has caused physical injury, or mental injury and a threat of physical injury.
- A person whose immediate family member is deceased as the direct result of a crime.

Crime means a crime or public offense anywhere that would constitute a misdemeanor or a felony if the crime had been committed in California by a competent adult, regardless of whether any person is arrested or prosecuted for, or convicted of, committing the crime.

Immediate family member means:

- Your spouse or domestic partner.

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- Your child, which includes, regardless of age, a biological, adopted, or foster child; stepchild or legal ward; the child of your domestic partner; a child to whom you stand in loco parentis; or a person to whom you stood in loco parentis when the person was a minor.
- Your (or your spouse's or domestic partner's) biological, adoptive, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian, or a person who stood in loco parentis of you or your spouse or domestic partner when you or they were a minor child.
- Your biological, foster, or adoptive sibling, step-sibling, or half-sibling.
- Any other individual whose close association with you is the equivalent of a family relationship described above.

You may use available vacation, personal leave, accrued paid sick leave, or compensatory time off for your leave unless you are covered by a collective bargaining agreement that states otherwise.

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Notice

You must provide reasonable advance notice of your intent to take leave for the above reasons unless advance notice is not feasible. If an unscheduled absence occurs, you must provide the following documentation within a reasonable amount of time after your absence:

- A police report indicating that you were a victim;
- A court order protecting or separating you from the perpetrator of the crime or abuse, or other evidence from the court or prosecuting attorney stating that you have appeared in court; or
- Documentation from a licensed medical professional, domestic violence counselor, sexual assault counselor, victim advocate, licensed health care provider, or counselor stating that you were undergoing treatment or receiving services for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting from the crime or abuse.

Confidentiality

The Company will maintain the confidentiality of anyone requesting time off or requesting an accommodation under this policy, except as required by federal or state law or as necessary to protect your safety in the workplace.

Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees for their status as a victim of crime or abuse or for requesting or taking leave or a reasonable accommodation in accordance with this policy.

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Disability Accommodation

Four Star Software Inc complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and all applicable state and local fair employment practices laws, and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with disabilities, including disabilities related to pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions. Consistent with this commitment, the Company will provide reasonable accommodation to otherwise qualified individuals where appropriate to allow the individual to perform the essential functions of the job, unless doing so would create an undue hardship on the business.

If you require an accommodation because of your disability, it is your responsibility to notify your Supervisor. You may be asked to include relevant information such as:

- A description of the proposed accommodation.
- The reason you need an accommodation.
- How the accommodation will help you perform the essential functions of your job.

After receiving your request, the Company will engage in an interactive dialogue with you to determine the precise limitations of your disability and explore potential reasonable accommodations that could overcome those limitations. Where appropriate, we may need your permission to obtain additional information from your medical provider. All medical information received by the Company in connection with a request for accommodation will be treated as confidential.

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The Company encourages you to suggest specific reasonable accommodations that you believe would allow you to perform your job. However, the Company is not required to make the specific accommodation requested by you and may provide an alternative accommodation, to the extent any reasonable accommodation can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the Company.

If leave is provided as a reasonable accommodation, such leave may run concurrently with leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and/or any other leave where permitted by state and federal law.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees who take preventative cool-down rest periods in accordance with this policy.

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Equal Opportunity Statement

Four Star Software Inc is committed to the principles of equal employment. We are committed to complying with all federal, state, and local laws providing equal employment opportunities, and all other employment laws and regulations. It is our intent to maintain a work environment that is free of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation based on an individual's race (including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists), color, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), national origin, ancestry, citizenship, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions), gender (including gender identity and gender expression), age (40 years and over), sexual orientation, veteran and/or military status, protected medical leaves (requesting or approved for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act or the California Family Rights Act), domestic violence victim status, political affiliation, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. The Company is dedicated to the fulfillment of this policy in regard to all aspects of employment, including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, placement, transfer, training, promotion, rates of pay, and other compensation, termination, and all other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

The Company will conduct a confidential, prompt, and thorough investigation of all allegations of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, or any violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. The Company will take appropriate corrective and remedial action, if and where warranted. The Company prohibits retaliation against any employees who provide information about, complain about, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of discrimination or violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

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We are all responsible for upholding this policy. You may discuss questions regarding equal employment opportunity with your Supervisor or any other designated member of management.

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Policy Against Workplace Harassment

Four Star Software Inc has a strict policy against all types of workplace harassment, including sexual harassment and other forms of workplace harassment based upon an individual's race (including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists), color, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), national origin, ancestry, citizenship, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions), gender (including gender identity and gender expression), age (40 years and over), sexual orientation, veteran and/or military status, protected medical leaves (requesting or approved for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act or the California Family Rights Act), domestic violence victim status, political affiliation, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws.

This policy protects all applicants and employees (including managers and supervisors) from unlawful harassment and discrimination. This includes harassment by employees, managers, supervisors, contractors, interns, volunteers, vendors, suppliers, and customers. In addition, this policy extends to conduct connected with an individual's work, even when the conduct takes place away from the workplace, such as a business trip or business-related social function.

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Harassment

Harassment means disrespectful or unprofessional conduct, including disrespectful or unprofessional conduct based on an individual's race (including, but not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists), color, religion, religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), national origin, ancestry, citizenship, physical or mental disability, medical condition (including cancer and genetic characteristics), genetic information, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions), gender (including gender identity and gender expression), age (40 years and over), sexual orientation, veteran and/or military status, protected medical leaves (requesting or approved for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act or the California Family Rights Act), domestic violence victim status, political affiliation, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws.

While it is not possible to list all the circumstances that may constitute other forms of workplace harassment, some examples of conduct that may constitute workplace harassment include:

- The use of disparaging or abusive words or phrases, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts that relate to the above protected categories;
- Written or graphic material that insults, stereotypes, or shows aversion or hostility toward an individual or group because of one of the above protected categories and that is placed on walls, bulletin boards, email, voicemail, or elsewhere on Company premises, or circulated in the workplace; and
- A display of symbols, slogans, or items that are associated with hate or intolerance toward any select group.

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Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment means harassment based on sex or conduct of a sexual nature, and includes harassment based on sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions), gender, gender identity, or gender expression. It may include all of the actions described above as harassment, as well as other unwelcome sex-based conduct, such as unwelcome or unsolicited sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, conversations regarding sexual activities, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexually harassing conduct need not be motivated by sexual desire and may include situations that began as reciprocal relationships, but that later cease to be reciprocal.

Sexual harassment is generally categorized into the following two types:

- Quid pro quo sexual harassment ("this for that"), which includes:
 - o Submission to sexual conduct when made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment.
 - o Submission to or rejection of the conduct by an employee when used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the employee.
- Hostile work environment sexual harassment is conduct of a sexual nature or on the basis of sex by any person in the workplace that unreasonably interferes with an employee's work performance and/or creates an intimidating, hostile, or otherwise offensive working environment. Examples include:

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- o Unwelcome sexual advances, flirtation, teasing, sexually suggestive or obscene letters, invitations, notes, emails, voicemails, or gifts.
- o Sex, gender, or sexual orientation-related comments, slurs, jokes, remarks, or epithets.
- o Leering, obscene or vulgar gestures, or sexual gestures.
- o Displaying or distributing sexually suggestive or derogatory objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters or any such items.
- o Impeding or blocking movement, unwelcome touching, or assaulting others.
- o Any sexual advances that are unwelcome as well as reprisals or threats after a negative response to sexual advances.
- o Conduct or comments consistently targeted at one gender, even if the content is not sexual.

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Retaliation

Retaliation means any adverse employment action taken against an employee because the employee engaged in activity protected under this policy. Protected activities may include, but are not limited to, reporting or assisting in reporting suspected violations of this policy and/or cooperating in investigations or proceedings arising out of a violation of this policy.

Adverse employment action is conduct or an action that materially affects the terms and conditions of the employee's employment status or is reasonably likely to deter the employee from engaging in protected activity. Even actions that do not result in a direct loss of compensation may be regarded as an adverse employment action when considered in the totality of the circumstances.

Examples of retaliation under this policy include but are not limited to: demotion, suspension, reduction in pay, denial of a merit salary increase, failure to hire or consider for hire, refusing to promote or consider for promotion because of reporting a violation of this policy, harassing another employee for filing a complaint, denying employment opportunities because of making a complaint or for cooperating in an investigation, changing someone's work assignments for identifying harassment or other forms of discrimination in the workplace, treating people differently such as denying an accommodation, not talking to an employee when otherwise required by job duties, or otherwise excluding the employee from job-related activities because of engagement in activities protected under this policy.

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Reporting Discrimination, Harassment, and/or Retaliation

If you feel that you have witnessed or have been subjected to any form of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, immediately notify:

- Mark Freedman at mark@fusionmedia.com, or
- Sam Grogan at sam@fusionmedia.com

The Company prohibits retaliation against employees who, based on a reasonable belief, provide information about, complain, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of harassment or discrimination.

We will promptly and thoroughly investigate any claim and take appropriate corrective and/or remedial action where we find a claim has merit. If the Company begins an investigation, we will endeavor to conduct the investigation in a timely manner and will keep the investigation confidential to the extent possible. In the same way, anyone involved in an investigation of harassment has an obligation to keep all information about the investigation confidential. That is why the Company will only share information about a complaint of harassment with those who need to know about it. Failure to keep information about an investigation confidential may result in disciplinary action. Investigations will be documented and tracked for timely resolution.

When the investigation has been completed, the Company will normally communicate the results of the investigation to the complaining individual, to the alleged harasser and, if appropriate, to others who are directly involved. If our policy against harassment is found to have been violated, appropriate corrective action, up to and including termination, will be taken against the harasser so that further harassment will be prevented. Both the rights of the alleged harasser and the complainant will be considered in any investigation and subsequent action.

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Discipline for violation of this policy may include, but is not limited to, reprimand, suspension, demotion, transfer, and discharge. If the Company determines that harassment or discrimination occurred, corrective action will be taken to effectively end the harassment. As necessary, the Company may monitor any incident of harassment or discrimination to assure the inappropriate behavior has stopped. In all cases, the Company will follow up as necessary to ensure that no individual is retaliated against for making a complaint or cooperating with an investigation.

In addition to our internal complaint procedure, employees may also contact either the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) or the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) to report unlawful harassment. You must file a complaint with the DFEH within three years of the alleged unlawful action. The EEOC and the DFEH serve as neutral fact-finders and will attempt to assist the parties to voluntarily resolve their disputes. For more information, contact the Office of Human Resources or the nearest EEOC or DFEH office.

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Filing of Complaints Outside Company

You may file formal complaints of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation with the agencies listed below. Contact these agencies directly for more information about filing processes.

California Department of Fair Employment and Housing

2218 Kausen Drive

Suite 100

Elk Grove, CA 95758

800-884-1684 (voice)

800-700-2320 (TTY)

California's Relay Service at 711

contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov

<https://www.dfeh.ca.gov>/<https://www.dfeh.ca.gov> (main website)

<https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/shpt>/<https://www.dfeh.ca.gov/shpt/> (online sexual harassment training courses)

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

450 Golden Gate Avenue

5 West

P.O. Box 36025

San Francisco, CA 94102-3661

800-669-4000 or 510-735-8909 (deaf/hard-of-hearing callers only)

<http://www.eeoc.gov/employees>

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Religious Accommodation

Four Star Software Inc is dedicated to treating its employees equally and with respect and recognizes the diversity of their religious beliefs. All employees, unpaid interns, and volunteers may request an accommodation when their religious beliefs cause a deviation from the Company dress or grooming code, or the individual's schedule, basic job duties, or other aspects of employment. The Company will consider the request, but reserves the right to offer its own accommodation to the extent permitted by law. Some, but not all, of the factors that the Company will consider are cost, the effect that an accommodation will have on current established policies, and the burden on operations – including other employees – when determining a reasonable accommodation. At no time will the Company question the validity of a person's belief.

If you require a religious accommodation, speak with your Supervisor or appropriate department.

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Accommodations for Nursing Mothers

Four Star Software Inc is required by law to provide requesting employees that are nursing mothers with certain accommodations to express milk upon request. Accordingly, the Company will provide nursing mothers with:

- Reasonable break time to express milk for their infant child(ren) each time the mother has the need to express milk; and
- A private room or other location in close proximity to their work area, other than a restroom, which is shielded from view and free from intrusion, to express breast milk.

Requesting Accommodation

If you have the need for accommodation, contact your Supervisor. If the Company cannot provide break time or a location that complies with the above, the Company will provide you with a written response.

Break Times

Regarding break times, you may use your regular paid rest breaks or may take other reasonable break time when needed. If possible, the break time should run concurrently with scheduled meal and rest breaks already provided to you. If the break time cannot run concurrently with meal and rest breaks already provided or additional time is needed, break times will be unpaid except where federal or state law dictates otherwise.

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Milk Storage

Expressed milk can be stored in company refrigerators or in a personal cooler. Sufficiently mark or label your milk to avoid confusion for other employees who may share the refrigerator.

Retaliation

Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or obtain an accommodation in accordance with this policy.

Right to File Complaint

If you feel the Company is not providing you with adequate break time and/or a place to express milk as provided for in Labor Code § 1030, you may file a report/claim with the Labor Commissioner's Bureau of Field Enforcement (BOFE) at the BOFE office nearest your place of employment. The complaint must be filed within three years of the alleged unlawful action.

In addition, if you believe you have been a victim of retaliation for either asserting a right to lactation accommodation or for complaining to the Labor Commissioner about the failure of the Company to provide this accommodation, you may file a retaliation claim with the Labor Commissioner's Office pursuant to Labor Code § 98.7. This claim must be filed within six months of the alleged retaliation.

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Meals and Rest Periods

Four Star Software Inc strives to provide a safe and healthy work environment and comply with all federal and state regulations regarding meal and rest periods. Check with your Supervisor regarding procedures and schedules for meal and rest periods.

The Company requests that employees observe and accurately record meal periods in time and attendance records. If you know in advance that you may not be able to take an uninterrupted scheduled meal or rest period, let your Supervisor know; in addition, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible if you were unable to take or were prohibited from taking an uninterrupted scheduled meal or rest period.

Meal and rest periods are intended to provide employees with an opportunity to be away from work, and employees are not permitted to perform any work during meal and rest periods.

Meal Periods

If you are nonexempt and work more than five hours in a workday, you will be provided an unpaid, uninterrupted 30-minute meal period no later than the end of your fifth hour of work and will be required to "clock out" from the timekeeping system. If you work fewer than six hours in a work day, you may mutually agree with your Supervisor to waive the meal period.

If you are nonexempt and work more than 10 hours in a workday, you will be provided a second unpaid, uninterrupted 30-minute meal period no later than the end of your tenth hour of work. Depending on your occupation, if you work no more than 12 hours in a workday and have taken the first meal period, you may mutually agree with your Supervisor to waive the second meal period.

See your Supervisor for procedures related to requesting to waive a meal period in the above circumstances.

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Rest Periods

If you are nonexempt, you will also be provided paid, 10-minute rest periods based on total hours worked daily and you are not required to "clock out" from the timekeeping system. You will receive 10 minutes of uninterrupted rest time for every four hours of work, or major portion of each four hours worked. Accordingly, if you work:

- Less than three and a half hours, you are not entitled to a rest period.
- Three and a half to six hours, you are entitled to a 10-minute rest period.
- Six to 10 hours, you are entitled to two 10-minute rest periods.
- Ten to 14 hours, you are entitled to three 10-minute rest periods.

Rest periods are to be taken in the middle of the four-hour work period when possible. Rest periods should not be combined or added to meal periods or used to start work later or end work early.

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Overtime

If you are nonexempt, you may qualify for overtime pay. All overtime must be approved in advance, in writing, by your Supervisor.

At certain times Four Star Software Inc may require you to work overtime. We will attempt to give as much notice as possible in this instance. However, advance notice may not always be possible. Failure to work overtime when requested or working unauthorized overtime may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

If you are nonexempt and work more than eight hours in any workday or more than six days in any workweek, you will be paid overtime at a rate of:

- One and one-half times your regular rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of eight hours up to and including 12 hours in any workday, and for the first eight hours worked on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek.
- Two times your regular rate for all hours worked in excess of 12 hours in a workday or in excess of eight hours on the seventh consecutive day of work in a workweek.

If you are nonexempt and work more than 40 hours in a workweek you may be entitled to overtime after any daily overtime hours are subtracted. The same hours are never counted against different overtime limits.

Holidays, vacation days, and sick leave days do not count as time worked for computing overtime.

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Pay Period

All employees are paid twice per month on 1st and 15th for the pay period that ends approximately six days prior. If a payday falls on a weekend or holiday, you normally will be paid on the last business day before the weekend or holiday.

If you are paid by commission, refer to your commission agreement.

Review your paycheck for accuracy and report any concerns to your Supervisor immediately. If you have been overpaid or underpaid, the error will be corrected as soon as possible.

Travel Time Pay

Some nonexempt positions within Four Star Software Inc require travel. If you are nonexempt and are required to travel in the course of conducting your work, you will be paid in the following way:

- If you report to the workplace and then are required to travel to another site to work for the day, travel time to the assigned work place will be paid.
- When you are required to report to a site other than your regular work site, and you go directly to that site without first going to the regular work place, the Company will pay travel time for any time in excess of your normal commute time to the regular site.
- If you are required to travel to a distant work place, you will be paid travel time in addition to time worked.
- Your travel hours are "hours worked" for the purposes of calculating overtime.

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Workday/Workweek

Four Star Software Inc's workweek runs from Monday to Sunday. The workday begins at 12:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59 p.m. Employees may be required to come in early, work late, or work overtime from time to time, depending on various factors, such as workloads, staffing needs, and special projects.

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Benefits

Bone Marrow and Organ Donation Leave

Four Star Software Inc will provide employees, who have been employed with the Company for at least 90 days, with a paid leave of absence for the purpose of donating organs or bone marrow. When donating an organ, you may take up to 30 paid business days in any one-year period. When donating bone marrow, you may take up to five paid business days in any one-year period. The one-year period for both leaves is measured from the date leave begins.

The Company will also provide employees with an additional unpaid leave of absence of up to 30 business days in a one-year period when donating an organ. The one-year period is measured from the date leave begins.

You are required to provide as much advance notice as possible if you wish to take leave to donate an organ or bone marrow. Provide Human Resources with verification from a physician that the donation will take place and that there is a medical necessity for the donation.

Leave taken under this policy does not constitute a break in service for health insurance coverage, accrual of vacation or sick pay, or seniority; however, the leave may not run concurrently with federal Family and Medical Leave Act or California Family Rights Act leave.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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Benefits

California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Leave

Four Star Software Inc provides unpaid family and medical leave to eligible employees in accordance with the California Family Rights Act (CFRA).

Eligibility

To be eligible for CFRA leave:

- You must have been employed for at least 12 months (52 weeks) with the Company prior to beginning CFRA leave; and
- You must have worked for the Company at least 1,250 hours during the 12-month period immediately before the leave is to start (with exception).

Reasons for Leave

You may take CFRA leave for the following reasons:

- The birth of a child, or adoption or foster care placement of a child with you.
- To care for your own or your family member's serious health condition (not including disability due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions).
- A qualifying exigency related to your spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent who is a military member on covered active duty or called to covered active duty status (or has been notified of an impending call or order to covered active duty).

Family member means your child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or domestic partner.

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Child means a biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, a child of a domestic partner, or a person to whom you stand in loco parentis.

Parent means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stood in loco parentis to you when you were a child.

Sibling means a person related to another person by blood, adoption, or affinity through a common legal or biological parent.

Leave Usage

Eligible employees may take up to 12 workweeks of leave per leave year. For purposes of this policy, the leave year is the 12-month period measured forward from the day CFRA leave began.

You may elect to use any accrued vacation time or other paid accrued time off that you are eligible to take during the otherwise unpaid portion of the CFRA leave. You also may elect to use any accrued sick leave that you are eligible to take during the otherwise unpaid portion of CFRA leave if the CFRA leave is for your own serious health condition, a qualifying exigency, or any other reason mutually agreed to between you and the Company.

CFRA leave will run concurrently with other federal/state laws where permitted by law.

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California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Leave

Intermittent Leave

When medically necessary, leave may be taken on an intermittent or a reduced work schedule.

Notice

If the need for leave is foreseeable (such as the birth of a child or planned medical treatment), you must provide reasonable advance notice and make a reasonable effort to schedule leave so that it will not unduly disrupt Company operations. If unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practical. Notice should include the anticipated timing and duration of the leave.

Failure to comply with these notice rules is grounds for, and may result in, deferral of the request for leave until you comply with the notice requirement.

Certification

Where leave is requested for your own or a covered family member's serious health condition, the Company may require you to provide certification from your or their health care provider.

If leave is for your own serious health condition, certification must include:

1. The date on which the serious health condition commenced.
2. The probable duration of the condition.
3. A statement that, due to the serious health condition, you are unable to perform the function of your position.

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If leave is for a covered family member's serious health condition, certification must include:

1. The date on which the serious health condition began.
2. The probable duration of the condition.
3. An estimate of the amount of time that the health care provider believes you are needed to care for the family member.
4. A statement that the family member's serious health condition requires you to provide care during the period of treatment or supervision.

The Company may require subsequent recertification of your own serious health condition if additional leave is required.

If the Company has reason to doubt the validity of the certification provided, the Company may require, at its own expense, that you obtain a second opinion from a health care provider, designated or approved by the Company. If the second opinion differs from the original certification, the Company may again require, at its own expense, that you obtain a third opinion from a different health care provider, designated or approved jointly by you and the Company. The third opinion will be considered final and binding.

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Return to Work

If you take leave for your own serious health condition, you must obtain certification from your health care provider that you are able to resume work.

Reinstatement

Upon return to work at the end of leave, you will be placed in your original job or an equivalent job with equivalent pay and benefits. You will not lose any benefits that accrued before leave was taken. You may not, however, be entitled to discretionary raises, promotions, bonus payments, or other benefits that become available during the period of leave.

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If the Company provides you with health benefits under a group health plan, the Company will maintain and pay for your health coverage for up to 12 weeks at the same level and under the same conditions as coverage would have been provided if you had not taken CFRA leave.

Failure to Return to Work

If you fail to return to work or fail to request an extension of leave prior to the expiration of the leave, you will be considered to have voluntarily terminated your employment. If you fail to return from leave, the Company may require reimbursement of the health insurance premiums paid during the leave under certain circumstances.

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Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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Crime Victim Leave

Four Star Software Inc provides employees who are the victim of a violent felony or serious felony (or the family member of a victim of a violent felony or serious felony) with unpaid leave in order to attend judicial proceedings related to the crime. A family member under this policy includes a spouse, domestic partner, child, stepchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, mother, stepmother, father, or stepfather.

When the need for leave is foreseeable, you must provide documentation of the scheduled proceeding. Such notice is typically given to the victim of the crime by a court or government agency setting the hearing, a district attorney or prosecuting attorney's office, or a victim/witness office. If advance notice is not possible, you must provide appropriate documentation within a reasonable time after the absence.

Any absence from work to attend judicial proceedings will be unpaid, unless you choose to take paid time off, such as accrued vacation or personal holiday.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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Disability Leave

If you are unable to work for at least eight days due to a non-work-related illness or injury, or a pregnancy-related disability, you may be eligible for disability insurance benefits. Disability insurance is a component of California's State Disability Insurance (SDI) program, which is administered by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) and is funded by workers through SDI payroll deductions.

Disability insurance provides eligible employees with up to 52 weeks of partial wage replacement benefits. Benefit amounts are based on a percentage of your wages paid during a specific 12-month base period, determined by the date your claim begins.

To apply for this benefit, you must provide written notice of the disability, including a doctor's certificate stating the nature of the disability and your expected date of return to work.

The SDI program does not create a right to a leave of absence, job protection, or job reinstatement.

You are responsible for filing your claim and other forms promptly and accurately with the EDD. To learn more about the SDI program, including eligibility requirements and benefits, or to make a claim for DI benefits, contact the EDD (www.edd.ca.gov).

Four Star Software Inc will be notified that you have submitted a disability insurance claim.

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Jury Duty Leave

Four Star Software Inc encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

If you are classified as exempt, you will not incur any deduction in pay for a partial week's absence due to jury duty. If you are classified as nonexempt, you will not be compensated for time spent on jury duty.

The Company reserves the right to require employees to provide proof of jury duty service to the extent authorized by law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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Paid Family Leave Insurance

California's Paid Family Leave (PFL) insurance program provides eligible employees with up to eight weeks of partial wage replacement in any 12-month period to take time off from work to:

- Bond with a new child (either by birth, adoption, or foster care placement);
- Care for a seriously ill family member (child, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, or registered domestic partner); or
- Participate in a qualifying exigency related to the covered active duty, or call to covered active duty, of your spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The 12-month period begins on the day a claim is submitted.

PFL insurance is funded entirely by workers through state disability insurance (SDI) payroll deductions. If you are currently receiving benefits from SDI or workers' compensation insurance, you may not be eligible to receive PFL benefits. The California PFL insurance program does not create a right to a leave of absence, job protection, or job reinstatement.

The PFL insurance program makes benefits available to eligible employees through the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Apply for PFL insurance directly with the EDD. Contact the EDD for information on eligibility or to obtain a claim form. Medical and other documentation may be required.

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Pregnancy Disability Leave

If you are disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, Four Star Software Inc will provide you with up to four months of unpaid pregnancy disability leave (PDL).

Eligibility

To be eligible for PDL, you must suffer from a pregnancy-related disability. A pregnancy-related disability is a physical or mental condition related to pregnancy or childbirth that prevents you from performing the essential duties of your job, or would cause undue risk to you or your pregnancy's successful completion.

Conditions for which PDL is available include, but are not limited to:

- Severe morning sickness.
- Prenatal or postnatal care.
- Doctor ordered bed rest.
- Gestational diabetes.
- Pregnancy-induced hypertension.
- Preeclampsia.
- Post-partum depression.
- Lactation conditions such as mastitis.
- Loss or end of pregnancy.
- Recovery from loss or end of pregnancy.

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Use of Leave

PDL may be taken before or after birth during any period of time (not to exceed four months) where you are physically unable to work due to your pregnancy-related disability. You may take PDL all at once or intermittently.

Where applicable under state and federal law, employees who qualify and are entitled to take PDL may also be eligible for leave under the California Family Rights Act (CFRA) and the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA). PDL and FMLA run concurrently. CFRA leave will be counted separately from PDL. CFRA leave will also be counted separately from FMLA leave taken for pregnancy disability, childbirth, or related medical conditions. An additional 12 weeks of bonding leave may also be available to qualified individuals. Speak with your Supervisor about your eligibility for these leaves.

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Foreseeable Need for Leave

If the need for leave is foreseeable because of an expected birth/adoption or planned medical treatment, you must give at least 30 days' notice. If 30 days' notice is not practicable, give notice as soon as possible. You are expected to complete and return a leave request form prior to the beginning of leave. Failure to provide appropriate notice and/or complete and return the necessary paperwork will result in the delay or denial of leave.

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Unforeseeable Need for Leave

If the need for leave is unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practicable and possible under the facts of the particular case. Normal call-in procedures apply to all absences from work including those for which leave under this policy may be requested. Complete and return the necessary leave request form as soon as possible to obtain the leave. Failure to provide appropriate notice and/or complete and return the necessary paperwork on a timely basis will result in the delay or denial of leave.

Leave Request Process

To request leave under this policy, obtain a leave request form from your Supervisor and return the completed form to your Supervisor. If the need for leave is unforeseeable and you will be absent more than three days, contact your Supervisor by telephone and request that a leave form be mailed to your home. If leave will be fewer than three days, complete and return the leave request form upon returning to work.

Call-In Procedures

In all instances of absence, follow the call-in procedures and standards established for giving notice of absence from work.

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Paid Leave Utilization During Pregnancy Leave

You will be required to use available sick leave during PDL; however, you may opt to use any available PTO or vacation during your PDL in order to receive compensation.

If you are on PDL for eight or more consecutive calendar days, you may be eligible for partial wage replacement benefits under the California State Disability Insurance (SDI) program. You are responsible for applying for these benefits and can obtain forms from your health care provider.

Certification and Fitness for Duty Requirements

When requesting PDL, you must provide certification from a health care provider to qualify for leave. Such certification must be provided within 15 days of the request for leave unless it is not practicable under the circumstances despite your diligent efforts. Failure to provide certification may result in leave being delayed, denied, or revoked. At the discretion of the Company, you may also be required to obtain a second and third certification from another health care provider at Company expense (except for military care leave). Recertification of the continuance of a serious health condition or an injury/illness of a military service member will also be required at appropriate intervals.

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Temporary Transfer and Other Accommodations

If you are suffering from a pregnancy related disability, you are entitled to a temporary transfer to another position or other reasonable accommodation based on the pregnancy-related disability if you request the transfer or reasonable accommodation and the request is based on the medical certification of a health care provider that a transfer or reasonable accommodation is medically advisable, and the request can be reasonably accommodated by the Company. All employees who are transferred to accommodate a pregnancy-related disability have the same reinstatement and other rights described below with respect to pregnancy-related disability leaves.

The Company may also require you to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position with the same pay and benefits in order to accommodate your need for intermittent leave or a reduced work schedule.

Benefits

If the Company provides you with health benefits under a group health plan, the Company will maintain and pay for your health coverage at the same level and under the same conditions as coverage would have been provided if you had not taken pregnancy disability leave. If you do not return to work at the end of your pregnancy disability leave, the Company may recover the payment for your premiums under certain circumstances.

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Return to Work

Upon returning to work at the end of leave, you will be placed in your original job or an equivalent job with equivalent pay and benefits. You will not lose any benefits that accrued before leave was taken. You may not, however, be entitled to discretionary raises, promotions, bonus payments, or other benefits that become available during leave.

At the completion of PDL, you will be required to obtain a release to return to work from your health care provider stating that you are able to resume your original job or duties.

Failure to Return

If you fail to return to work or fail to make a request for an extension of leave prior to the expiration of the leave, you will be deemed to have voluntarily terminated your employment.

Alternative Employment

While on leave of absence, you may not work or be gainfully employed either for yourself or others unless express, written permission to perform such outside work has been granted by the Company. If you are on a leave of absence and are found to be working elsewhere without permission, you will be automatically terminated.

False Reason for Leave

You will be terminated if you provide a false reason for a leave.

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Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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Voting Leave

If your work schedule prevents you from voting on Election Day, Four Star Software Inc will allow you a reasonable time off to vote. The time when you can go to vote will be at the discretion of your Supervisor, consistent with applicable legal requirements.

Witness Leave

If you are required by law to appear in court as a witness, you may take unpaid time off to do so, provided you give Four Star Software Inc reasonable advance notice.

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Heat Illness Prevention

Four Star Software Inc is committed to complying with all applicable laws and ensuring that employees avoid heat illness while working outside. Heat illness may begin with mild symptoms and progress quickly to signs of serious and life-threatening illness. All employees who work outdoors and are reasonably anticipated to be exposed to the risk of heat illness will be provided detailed training before starting work involving a risk of heat illness.

This policy ensures that employees working outdoors understand they are allowed and encouraged to take preventative cool-down rest periods in provided shaded areas whenever they feel the need to protect themselves from overheating.

You may also be asked to take a cool-down rest period if you are observed having any signs of heat illness. Access to shade is permitted at all times. Cool-down periods are not limited in frequency and are considered time worked.

When taking a preventative cool-down rest period:

- You will be monitored and asked if you are experiencing any symptoms of heat illness.
- You will be encouraged to remain in the shade.
- You will not be ordered back to work until any signs or symptoms of heat illness have abated, but in no event sooner than five minutes after accessing shade, excluding the time needed to access the shade.

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The Company provides fresh, pure, and suitably cool drinking water at no charge. When the work environment is hot, you are encouraged to frequently drink small cups of water, with up to four cups (one quart or more) per hour recommended, to stay hydrated.

The Company has in place effective emergency response procedures if you show signs or report symptoms of heat illness while taking a preventative cool-down rest period.

You must immediately report to your Supervisor if you experience any symptoms or signs of heat illness or see signs of heat illness in co-workers so that the Company can respond with medical attention, as appropriate.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees who take preventative cool-down rest periods in accordance with this policy.

Workplace Smoking

Four Star Software Inc is concerned about the effect that smoking and secondhand smoke inhalation can have on its employees and clients. Smoking in the office, client areas, and restrooms is prohibited.

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Disability Accommodation

Four Star Software Inc complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and all applicable state and local fair employment practices laws, and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with disabilities, including disabilities related to pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions. Consistent with this commitment, the Company will provide reasonable accommodation to otherwise qualified individuals where appropriate to allow the individual to perform the essential functions of the job, unless doing so would create an undue hardship on the business.

If you require an accommodation because of your disability, it is your responsibility to notify your Supervisor. You may be asked to include relevant information such as:

- A description of the proposed accommodation.
- The reason you need an accommodation.
- How the accommodation will help you perform the essential functions of your job.

After receiving your request, the Company will engage in an interactive dialogue with you to determine the precise limitations of your disability and explore potential reasonable accommodations that could overcome those limitations. Where appropriate, we may need your permission to obtain additional information from your medical provider. All medical information received by the Company in connection with a request for accommodation will be treated as confidential.

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The Company encourages you to suggest specific reasonable accommodations that you believe would allow you to perform your job. However, the Company is not required to make the specific accommodation requested by you and may provide an alternative accommodation, to the extent any reasonable accommodation can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the Company.

If leave is provided as a reasonable accommodation, such leave may run concurrently with leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and/or any other leave where permitted by state and federal law.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees for requesting an accommodation.

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Equal Opportunity Statement

Four Star Software Inc is committed to the principles of equal employment. We are committed to complying with all federal, state, and local laws providing equal employment opportunities, and all other employment laws and regulations. It is our intent to maintain a work environment that is free of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation because of age (40 and older), race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, genetic information (including testing and characteristics), veteran status, uniformed servicemember status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. The Company is dedicated to the fulfillment of this policy in regard to all aspects of employment, including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, placement, transfer, training, promotion, rates of pay, and other compensation, termination, and all other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

The Company will conduct a prompt and thorough investigation of all allegations of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, or any violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy in a confidential manner. The Company will take appropriate corrective action, if and where warranted. The Company prohibits retaliation against employees who provide information about, complain about, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of discrimination or violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

We are all responsible for upholding this policy. You may discuss questions regarding equal employment opportunity with your Supervisor or any other designated member of management.

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Policy Against Workplace Harassment

Four Star Software Inc has a strict policy against all types of workplace harassment, including sexual harassment and other forms of workplace harassment based upon an individual's age (40 and older), race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, genetic information (including testing and characteristics), veteran status, uniformed servicemember status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. All forms of harassment of, or by, employees, vendors, visitors, customers, and clients are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to, or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

While it is not possible to identify every act that constitutes or may constitute sexual harassment, the following are some examples of sexual harassment:

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- Unwelcome requests for sexual favors;
- Lewd or derogatory comments or jokes;
- Comments regarding sexual behavior or the body of another;
- Sexual innuendo and other vocal activity such as catcalls or whistles;
- Obscene letters, notes, emails, invitations, photographs, cartoons, articles, or other written or pictorial materials of a sexual nature;
- Repeated requests for dates after being informed that interest is unwelcome;
- Retaliating against another for refusing a sexual advance or reporting an incident of possible sexual harassment to the Company or any government agency;
- Offering or providing favors or employment benefits such as promotions, favorable evaluations, favorable assigned duties or shifts, etc., in exchange for sexual favors; and
- Any unwanted physical touching or assaults or blocking or impeding movements.

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Other Harassment

Other workplace harassment is verbal or physical conduct that insults or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of the individual's age (40 and older), race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, genetic information (including testing and characteristics), veteran status, uniformed servicemember status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws.

Again, while it is not possible to list all the circumstances that may constitute other forms of workplace harassment, the following are some examples of conduct that may constitute workplace harassment:

- The use of disparaging or abusive words or phrases, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts that relate to the above protected categories;
- Written or graphic material that insults, stereotypes, or shows aversion or hostility toward an individual or group because of one of the above protected categories and that is placed on walls, bulletin boards, email, voicemail, or elsewhere on our premises, or circulated in the workplace; and
- A display of symbols, slogans, or items that are associated with hate or intolerance toward any select group.

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Reporting Discrimination and Harassment

If you feel that you have witnessed or have been subjected to any form of discrimination or harassment, immediately notify:

- Sam Grogan at sam@fusionmedia.com or
- Mark Freedman at mark@fusionmedia.com

The Company prohibits retaliation against employees who, based on a reasonable belief, provide information about, complain, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of harassment or discrimination.

We will promptly and thoroughly investigate any claim and take appropriate action where we find a claim has merit. To the extent possible, we will retain the confidentiality of those who report suspected or alleged violations of the harassment policy.

Discipline for violation of this policy may include, but is not limited to, reprimand, suspension, demotion, transfer, and discharge. If the Company determines that harassment or discrimination occurred, corrective action will be taken to effectively end the harassment. As necessary, the Company may monitor any incident of harassment or discrimination to assure the inappropriate behavior has stopped. In all cases, the Company will follow up as necessary to ensure that no individual is retaliated against for making a complaint or cooperating with an investigation.

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Religious Accommodation

Four Star Software Inc is dedicated to treating its employees equally and with respect and recognizes the diversity of their religious beliefs. All employees may request an accommodation when their religious beliefs cause a deviation from the Company dress code or the individual's schedule, basic job duties, or other aspects of employment. The Company will consider the request, but reserves the right to offer its own accommodation to the extent permitted by law. Some, but not all, of the factors that will be considered are cost, the effect that an accommodation will have on current established policies, and the burden on operations – including other employees – when determining a reasonable accommodation. At no time will the Company question the validity of a person's belief.

If you require a religious accommodation, speak with your Supervisor.

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Accommodations for Nursing Mothers

Four Star Software Inc will provide nursing mothers reasonable unpaid break time to express milk for their infant child(ren) for up to one year following the child's birth.

If you are nursing, you will be provided with a space, other than a restroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public.

Expressed milk can be stored in company refrigerators or in a personal cooler. Sufficiently mark or label your milk to avoid confusion for other employees who may share the refrigerator.

Break time should, if possible, be taken concurrently with any other break time already provided. If you are nonexempt, clock out for any time taken that does not run concurrently with normally scheduled rest periods.

You must make reasonable efforts to not disrupt Company operations.

You are encouraged to discuss the length and frequency of these breaks with your Supervisor.

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Meal and Rest Periods

Four Star Software Inc strives to provide a safe and healthy work environment and complies with all federal and state regulations regarding meal and rest periods. Check with your Supervisor regarding procedures and schedules for rest and meal breaks. The Company requests that employees accurately observe and record meal and rest periods. If you know in advance that you may not be able to take your scheduled break or meal period, let your Supervisor know; in addition, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible if you were unable to or prohibited from taking a meal or rest period.

All employees under the age of 18 will receive one or two rest periods totaling 30 minutes if scheduled to work six or more consecutive hours.

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Overtime

If you are nonexempt, you may qualify for overtime pay. All overtime must be approved in advance, in writing, by your Supervisor.

At certain times Four Star Software Inc may require you to work overtime. We will attempt to give as much notice as possible in this instance. However, advance notice may not always be possible. Failure to work overtime when requested or working unauthorized overtime may result in discipline, up to and including discharge.

Unless otherwise required or exempted by law, overtime pay of one and one-half times your regular rate of pay is paid for any hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek. Holidays, vacation days, and sick leave days do not count as time worked for computing overtime.

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Pay Period

All employees are paid twice per month on 1st and 15th for the pay period that ends approximately six days prior. If a payday falls on a weekend or holiday, you normally will be paid on the last business day before the weekend or holiday.

If you are paid by commission, refer to your commission agreement.

Review your paycheck for accuracy and report any concerns to your Supervisor immediately. If you have been overpaid or underpaid, the error will be corrected as soon as possible.

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Travel Time Pay

Some nonexempt positions within Four Star Software Inc require travel. The Company pays nonexempt employees for travel time in accordance with federal and state law. For purposes of this policy, the regular workday is 8:00 - 5:00, Monday - Friday

Home to Work Travel

If you travel from home before the regular workday and return to your home at the end of the workday, you are engaged in ordinary home to work travel, which is not work time.

Home to Work on a Special One Day Assignment in Another City

If you regularly work at a fixed location in one city and you are given a special one day assignment in another city, but return home the same day, the time spent in traveling to and returning from the other city is work time, except that the Company may deduct/not count that time you would normally spend commuting to the regular work site.

Travel That Is All in a Day's Work

Your time spent in travel as part of your principal activity, such as travel from job site to job site during the workday, is work time and must be counted as hours worked.

Travel Away from Home Community

Travel that keeps you away from home overnight is travel away from home. Travel away from home is clearly work time when it cuts across your workday. The time is not only hours worked on regular working days during normal working hours but also during corresponding hours on nonworking days. The Company will not consider as work time that time spent in travel away from home outside of your regular working hours as a passenger on an airplane, train, boat, bus, or automobile.

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Any work you perform while traveling must be counted as hours worked.

Calculating and Reporting Travel Time

You are responsible for accurately tracking, calculating, and reporting your travel time. Travel time should be calculated by rounding up to the nearest quarter hour.

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Disciplinary Process

Violation of Four Star Software Inc policies or procedures may result in disciplinary action including demotion, transfer, leave without pay, or termination of employment. The Company encourages a system of progressive discipline depending on the type of prohibited conduct. However, the Company is not required to engage in progressive discipline and may discipline or terminate employees who violate the rules of conduct, or where the quality or value of their work fails to meet expectations at any time. Again, any attempt at progressive discipline does not imply that your employment is anything other than on an "at-will" basis.

In appropriate circumstances, management will first provide you with a verbal warning, then with one or more written warnings, and if the conduct is not sufficiently altered, eventual demotion, transfer, forced leave, or termination of employment. Your Supervisor will make every effort possible to allow you to respond to any disciplinary action taken. Understand that while the Company is concerned with consistent enforcement of our policies, we are not obligated to follow any disciplinary or grievance procedure and that depending on the circumstances, you may be disciplined or terminated without any prior warning or procedure.

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Court Attendance and Witness Leave

Four Star Software Inc realizes that, on occasion, employees may be subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a criminal proceeding. In such cases, you will be provided unpaid leave to attend. Notify your Supervisor as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

The Company reserves the right to require employees to provide proof of the need for leave to the extent authorized by law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

Jury Duty Leave

Four Star Software Inc encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

If you are classified as exempt, you will not incur any deduction in pay for a partial week's absence due to jury duty. If you are classified as nonexempt, you will not be compensated for time spent on jury duty.

The Company reserves the right to require employees to provide proof of jury duty service to the extent authorized by law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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If your work schedule prevents you from voting on Election Day, Four Star Software Inc will allow you a reasonable time off to vote. The time when you can go to vote will

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Four Star Software Inc complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and all applicable state and local fair employment practices laws, and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with disabilities, including disabilities related to pregnancy, childbirth, and related conditions. Consistent with this commitment, the Company will provide reasonable accommodation to otherwise qualified individuals where appropriate to allow the individual to perform the essential functions of the job, unless doing so would create an undue hardship on the business.

If you require an accommodation because of your disability, it is your responsibility to notify your Supervisor. You may be asked to include relevant information such as:

- A description of the proposed accommodation.
- The reason you need an accommodation.
- How the accommodation will help you perform the essential functions of your job.

After receiving your request, the Company will engage in an interactive dialogue with you to determine the precise limitations of your disability and explore potential reasonable accommodations that could overcome those limitations. Where appropriate, we may need your permission to obtain additional information from your medical provider. All medical information received by the Company in connection with a request for accommodation will be treated as confidential.

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The Company encourages you to suggest specific reasonable accommodations that you believe would allow you to perform your job. However, the Company is not required to make the specific accommodation requested by you and may provide an alternative accommodation, to the extent any reasonable accommodation can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the Company.

If leave is provided as a reasonable accommodation, such leave may run concurrently with leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and/or any other leave where permitted by state and federal law.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees for requesting an accommodation.

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Equal Opportunity Statement

Four Star Software Inc is committed to the principles of equal employment. We are committed to complying with all federal, state, and local laws providing equal employment opportunities, and all other employment laws and regulations. It is our intent to maintain a work environment that is free of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation because of age (40 and older), race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, genetic information, marital status, AIDS/HIV status, military service, veteran status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. The Company is dedicated to the fulfillment of this policy in regard to all aspects of employment, including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, placement, transfer, training, promotion, rates of pay, and other compensation, termination, and all other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

The Company will conduct a prompt and thorough investigation of all allegations of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, or any violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy in a confidential manner. The Company will take appropriate corrective action, if and where warranted. The Company prohibits retaliation against employees who provide information about, complain about, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of discrimination or violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

We are all responsible for upholding this policy. You may discuss questions regarding equal employment opportunity with your Supervisor or any other designated member of management.

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Policy Against Workplace Harassment

Four Star Software Inc has a strict policy against all types of workplace harassment, including sexual harassment and other forms of workplace harassment based upon an individual's age (40 and older), race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, genetic information, marital status, AIDS/HIV status, military service, veteran status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. All forms of harassment of, or by, employees, vendors, visitors, customers, and clients are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to, or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

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Sexual Harassment

While it is not possible to identify every act that constitutes or may constitute sexual harassment, the following are some examples of sexual harassment:

- Unwelcome requests for sexual favors;
- Lewd or derogatory comments or jokes;
- Comments regarding sexual behavior or the body of another;
- Sexual innuendo and other vocal activity such as catcalls or whistles;
- Obscene letters, notes, emails, invitations, photographs, cartoons, articles, or other written or pictorial materials of a sexual nature;
- Repeated requests for dates after being informed that interest is unwelcome;
- Retaliating against another for refusing a sexual advance or reporting an incident of possible sexual harassment to the Company or any government agency;
- Offering or providing favors or employment benefits such as promotions, favorable evaluations, favorable assigned duties or shifts, etc., in exchange for sexual favors; and
- Any unwanted physical touching or assaults, or blocking or impeding movements.

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Other Harassment

Other workplace harassment is verbal or physical conduct that insults or shows hostility or aversion towards an individual because of the individual's age (40 and older), race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability, genetic information, marital status, AIDS/HIV status, military service, veteran status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws.

Again, while it is not possible to list all the circumstances that may constitute other forms of workplace harassment, the following are some examples of conduct that may constitute workplace harassment:

- The use of disparaging or abusive words or phrases, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts that relate to the above protected categories;
- Written or graphic material that insults, stereotypes, or shows aversion or hostility towards an individual or group because of one of the above protected categories and that is placed on walls, bulletin boards, email, voicemail, or elsewhere on our premises, or circulated in the workplace; and
- A display of symbols, slogans, or items that are associated with hate or intolerance towards any select group.

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Reporting Discrimination and Harassment

If you feel that you have witnessed or have been subjected to any form of discrimination or harassment, immediately notify [Mark Freedman](#) or any member of management.

The Company prohibits retaliation against employees who, based on a reasonable belief, provide information about, complain, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of harassment or discrimination.

We will promptly and thoroughly investigate any claim and take appropriate action where we find a claim has merit. To the extent possible, we will retain the confidentiality of those who report suspected or alleged violations of the harassment policy.

Discipline for violation of this policy may include, but is not limited to, reprimand, suspension, demotion, transfer, and discharge. If the Company determines that harassment or discrimination occurred, corrective action will be taken to effectively end the harassment. As necessary, the Company may monitor any incident of harassment or discrimination to assure the inappropriate behavior has stopped. In all cases, the Company will follow up as necessary to ensure that no individual is retaliated against for making a complaint or cooperating with an investigation.

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Religious Accommodation

Four Star Software Inc is dedicated to treating its employees equally and with respect and recognizes the diversity of their religious beliefs. All employees may request an accommodation if their religious beliefs cause a deviation from the Company dress code or the individual's schedule, basic job duties, or other aspects of employment. The Company will consider the request, but reserves the right to offer its own accommodation to the extent permitted by law. Some, but not all, of the factors that will be considered are cost, the effect that an accommodation will have on current established policies, and the burden on operations – including other employees – when determining a reasonable accommodation. At no time will the Company question the validity of a person's belief.

If you require a religious accommodation, speak with Mark Freedman.

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Accommodations for Nursing Mothers

Four Star Software Inc will provide nursing mothers reasonable unpaid break time to express milk for their infant child(ren) for up to one year following the child's birth.

If you are nursing, you will be provided with a space, other than a restroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public.

Expressed milk can be stored in company refrigerators or in a personal cooler. Sufficiently mark or label your milk to avoid confusion for other employees who may share the refrigerator.

Break time should, if possible, be taken concurrently with any other break time already provided. If you are nonexempt, clock out for any time taken that does not run concurrently with normally scheduled rest periods.

You must make reasonable efforts to not disrupt Company operations.

You are encouraged to discuss the length and frequency of these breaks with your Supervisor.

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Meal and Rest Periods

Four Star Software Inc strives to provide a safe and healthy work environment and complies with all federal and state regulations regarding meal and rest periods. Check with your Supervisor regarding procedures and schedules for rest and meal breaks. The Company requests that employees accurately observe and record meal and rest periods. If you know in advance that you may not be able to take your scheduled break or meal period, let your Supervisor know; in addition, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible if you were unable to or prohibited from taking a meal or rest period.

Overtime

If you are nonexempt, you may qualify for overtime pay. All overtime must be approved in advance, in writing, by your Supervisor.

At certain times Four Star Software Inc may require you to work overtime. We will attempt to give as much notice as possible in this instance. However, advance notice may not always be possible.

Failure to work overtime when requested or working unauthorized overtime may result in discipline, up to and including discharge.

Unless otherwise required or exempted by law, overtime pay of one and one-half times your regular rate of pay is paid for any hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek. Holidays, vacation days, and sick leave days do not count as time worked for computing overtime.

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Pay Period

At Four Star Software Inc, the standard pay period is biweekly. Each pay period must consist as nearly as possible of an equal number of days for all employees. Pay dates are the first and fifteenth of every month. If a pay date falls on a holiday, you will be paid on the preceding workday. If a pay date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, you will be paid on the preceding Friday. Special provisions may be required from time to time if holidays fall on pay dates. Check with your Supervisor if this type of date arises.

If you are paid by commission, refer to your commission agreement.

Review your paycheck for accuracy. If you find an issue, report it to your Supervisor immediately.

Travel Time Pay

Some nonexempt positions within Four Star Software Inc require travel. The Company pays nonexempt employees for travel time in accordance with federal and state law. For purposes of this policy, the regular workday is 8:30 - 5:30 (Monday - Friday), etc.

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Home to Work Travel

If you travel from home before the regular workday and return to your home at the end of the workday, you are engaged in ordinary home to work travel, which is not work time.

Home to Work on a Special One Day Assignment in Another City

If you regularly work at a fixed location in one city and you are given a special one day assignment in another city, but return home the same day, the time spent in traveling to and returning from the other city is work time, except that the Company may deduct/not count that time you would normally spend commuting to the regular work site.

Travel That Is All in a Day's Work

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Travel Away from Home Community

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Work Performed While Traveling

Any work you perform while traveling must be counted as hours worked.

Calculating and Reporting Travel Time

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Performance, Discipline, Layoff and Termination

Disciplinary Process

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In appropriate circumstances, management will first provide you with a verbal warning, then with one or more written warnings, and if the conduct is not sufficiently altered, eventual demotion, transfer, forced leave, or termination of employment. Your Supervisor will make every effort possible to allow you to respond to any disciplinary action taken. Understand that while the Company is concerned with consistent enforcement of our policies, we are not obligated to follow any disciplinary or grievance procedure and that depending on the circumstances, you may be disciplined or terminated without any prior warning or procedure.

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Access to Personnel and Medical Records Files

Four Star Software Inc maintains separate medical records files and personnel files for all employees. Files containing medical records are stored separate and apart from any business-related records in a safe, locked, inaccessible location. The medical file is the repository for sensitive and confidential information related to an individual's health, health benefits, health-related leave and/or accommodations, and benefits selections and coverage. Medical records are kept confidential in compliance with applicable laws and access is on a "need-to-know" basis only.

Supervisors and others in management may have access to your personnel file for possible employment-related decisions. If you wish to review your personnel or medical records file, you must give the Company reasonable notice. Inspection must occur in the presence of a Company representative.

All requests by an outside party for information contained in your personnel file will be directed to Mark Freedman, the only person authorized to give out such information.

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Jury Duty Leave

Four Star Software Inc encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

If you are classified as exempt, you will not incur any deduction in pay for a partial week's absence due to jury duty. If you are classified as nonexempt, you will not be compensated for time spent on jury duty. You may opt to use PTO/vacation in place of unpaid leave.

The Company reserves the right to require employees to provide proof of jury duty service to the extent authorized by law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

Voting Leave

If your work schedule prevents you from voting on Election Day, Four Star Software Inc will allow you a reasonable time off to vote. The time when you can go to vote will be at the discretion of your Supervisor, consistent with applicable legal requirements.

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Safety and Loss Prevention

Witness Leave

Four Star Software Inc realizes that, on occasion, employees may be subpoenaed to appear in a civil, criminal, legislative, or administrative proceeding. In such cases, you will be provided unpaid leave to attend. Notify your Supervisor as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements. You may opt to use PTO/vacation in place of unpaid leave.

The Company reserves the right to require employees to provide proof of the need for leave to the extent authorized by law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

Workplace Smoking

Four Star Software Inc is concerned about the effect that smoking and secondhand smoke inhalation can have on its employees and clients. Smoking in the office, client areas, and restrooms is prohibited.

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Four Star Software Inc will provide reasonable safety accommodation to employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, provided the accommodation would not pose an undue hardship on Company business.

Reasonable safety accommodations may include, but are not limited to:

- Transfer or reassignment;
- Modified job schedule;
- Change in work telephone number, email address, or workstation;
- Installed locks;
- Implementing safety procedures; or
- Any other adjustment to a job structure, workplace facility, or work requirement in response to an actual or threatened act of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

If you require a safety accommodation, notify your Supervisor. You may be required to provide documentation verifying that you are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This requirement may be satisfied by providing the Company with documents such as a police report, court order, or written statement.

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Accommodations for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking

After receiving your request for a safety accommodation, the Company will work with you to explore potential accommodations. The Company encourages you to suggest specific accommodations that you believe would be effective. However, the Company is not required to make any requested accommodation and may provide an alternative accommodation that can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the Company.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, or who request an accommodation in accordance with this policy.

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Disability Accommodation

Four Star Software Inc complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, and all applicable state and local fair employment practices laws, and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to qualified individuals with disabilities, including disabilities related to pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions. Consistent with this commitment, the Company will provide reasonable accommodation to otherwise qualified individuals where appropriate to allow the individual to perform the essential functions of the job, unless doing so would create an undue hardship on the business.

Where an individual is suffering from a pregnancy-related disability or medical condition, reasonable accommodation may include, but is not limited to:

- Providing more frequent, longer, or flexible restroom breaks;
- Modifying a no food or drink policy;
- Job restructuring, part-time or modified work schedules, reassignment to a vacant position, or acquiring or modifying equipment, devices, or an employee's workstation;
- Providing seating or allowing the employee to sit more frequently if her job requires her to stand;
- Providing for a temporary transfer to a less strenuous or less hazardous position;

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- Providing assistance with manual labor and limits on lifting; or
- Scheduling flexibility for prenatal visits.

If you require an accommodation because of your disability, it is your responsibility to notify your Supervisor. You may be asked to include relevant information such as:

- A description of the proposed accommodation.
- The reason you need an accommodation.
- How the accommodation will help you perform the essential functions of your job.

After receiving your request, the Company will engage in an interactive dialogue with you to determine the precise limitations of your disability and explore potential reasonable accommodations that could overcome those limitations. Where appropriate, we may need your permission to obtain additional information from your medical provider. All medical information received by the Company in connection with a request for accommodation will be treated as confidential.

The Company encourages you to suggest specific reasonable accommodations that you believe would allow you to perform your job. However, the Company is not required to make the specific accommodation requested by you and may provide an alternative accommodation, to the extent any reasonable accommodation can be made without imposing an undue hardship on the Company.

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If leave is provided as a reasonable accommodation, such leave may run concurrently with leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act and/or any other leave where permitted by state and federal law.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees for requesting an accommodation.

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Equal Opportunity Statement

Four Star Software Inc is committed to the principles of equal employment. We are committed to complying with all federal, state, and local laws providing equal employment opportunities, and all other employment laws and regulations. It is our intent to maintain a work environment that is free of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation because of age (40 and older), race (including traits historically associated or perceived to be associated with race, which include, but are not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as afros, braids, locks, and twists), color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability (including obesity), genetic information (including testing and characteristics), veteran status, uniformed servicemember status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. The Company is dedicated to the fulfillment of this policy in regard to all aspects of employment, including but not limited to recruiting, hiring, placement, transfer, training, promotion, rates of pay, and other compensation, termination, and all other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.

The Company will conduct a prompt and thorough investigation of all allegations of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, or any violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy in a confidential manner. The Company will take appropriate corrective action, if and where warranted. The Company prohibits retaliation against employees who provide information about, complain about, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of discrimination or violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

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Policy Against Workplace Harassment

Four Star Software Inc has a strict policy against all types of workplace harassment, including sexual harassment and other forms of workplace harassment based upon an individual's age (40 and older), race (including traits historically associated or perceived to be associated with race, which include, but are not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as afros, braids, locks, and twists), color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions), physical or mental disability (including obesity), genetic information (including testing and characteristics), veteran status, uniformed servicemember status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws. All forms of harassment of, or by, employees, applicants, vendors, visitors, customers, and clients are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

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Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly as a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to, or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

While it is not possible to identify every act that constitutes or may constitute sexual harassment, the following are some examples of sexual harassment:

- Unwelcome requests for sexual favors;
- Lewd or derogatory comments or jokes;
- Comments regarding sexual behavior or the body of another;
- Sexual innuendo and other vocal activity such as catcalls or whistles;

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- Obscene letters, notes, emails, invitations, photographs, cartoons, articles, or other written or pictorial materials of a sexual nature;
- Repeated requests for dates after being informed that interest is unwelcome;
- Retaliating against another for refusing a sexual advance or reporting an incident of possible sexual harassment to the Company or any government agency;
- Offering or providing favors or employment benefits such as promotions, favorable evaluations, favorable assigned duties or shifts, etc., in exchange for sexual favors; and
- Any unwanted physical touching or assaults or blocking or impeding movements.

Other Harassment

Other workplace harassment is verbal or physical conduct that insults or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual because of the individual's age (40 and older), race (including traits historically associated or perceived to be associated with race, which include, but are not limited to, hair texture and protective hairstyles such as afros, braids, locks, and twists), color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation (including transgender status, gender identity or expression), pregnancy (including childbirth, lactation, and related medical conditions),

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physical or mental disability (including obesity), genetic information (including testing and characteristics), veteran status, uniformed servicemember status, or any other status protected by federal, state, or local laws.

Again, while it is not possible to list all the circumstances that may constitute other forms of workplace harassment, the following are some examples of conduct that may constitute workplace harassment:

- The use of disparaging or abusive words or phrases, slurs, negative stereotyping, or threatening, intimidating, or hostile acts that relate to the above protected categories;
- Written or graphic material that insults, stereotypes, or shows aversion or hostility toward an individual or group because of one of the above protected categories and that is placed on walls, bulletin boards, email, voicemail, or elsewhere on our premises, or circulated in the workplace; and
- A display of symbols, slogans, or items that are associated with hate or intolerance toward any select group.

Reporting Discrimination and Harassment

If you feel that you have witnessed or have been subjected to any form of discrimination or harassment, immediately notify [Mark Freedman](#) or [Sam Grogan](#).

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The Company prohibits retaliation against applicants or employees who, based on a reasonable belief, provide information about, complain, or assist in the investigation of any complaint of harassment or discrimination.

We will promptly and thoroughly investigate any claim and take appropriate action where we find a claim has merit. To the extent possible, we will retain the confidentiality of those who report suspected or alleged violations of the harassment policy.

Discipline for violation of this policy may include, but is not limited to, reprimand, suspension, demotion, transfer, and discharge. If the Company determines that harassment or discrimination occurred, corrective action will be taken to effectively end the harassment. As necessary, the Company may monitor any incident of harassment or discrimination to assure the inappropriate behavior has stopped. In all cases, the Company will follow up as necessary to ensure that no individual is retaliated against for making a complaint or cooperating with an investigation.

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Religious Accommodation

Four Star Software Inc is dedicated to treating its employees equally and with respect and recognizes the diversity of their religious beliefs. All employees may request an accommodation when their religious beliefs cause a deviation from the Company dress code or the individual's schedule, basic job duties, or other aspects of employment. The Company will consider the request, but reserves the right to offer its own accommodation to the extent permitted by law. Some, but not all, of the factors that will be considered are cost, the effect that an accommodation will have on current established policies, and the burden on operations – including other employees – when determining a reasonable accommodation. At no time will the Company question the validity of a person's belief.

If you require a religious accommodation, speak with [Mark Freedman](#) or [Sam Grogan](#).

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Accommodations for Nursing Mothers

Four Star Software Inc will provide nursing mothers reasonable unpaid break time to express milk for their infant child(ren) for up to two years following the child's birth.

If you are nursing, you will be provided with a space, other than a restroom, that is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public, provided such a location exists. If the Company does not have such a location for you to express milk, the Company will work with you to identify a convenient location and work schedule to accommodate your needs.

Expressed milk can be stored [[in company refrigerators, refrigerators provided in the lactation room or other location, in a personal cooler]]. Sufficiently mark or label your milk to avoid confusion for other employees who may share the refrigerator.

Break time should, if possible, be taken concurrently with any other break time already provided. If you are nonexempt, clock out for any time taken that does not run concurrently with normally scheduled rest periods.

You are encouraged to discuss the length and frequency of these breaks with your Supervisor.

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Meal and Rest Periods

Four Star Software Inc strives to provide a safe and healthy work environment and complies with all federal and state regulations regarding meal and rest periods. Check with your Supervisor regarding procedures and schedules for rest and meal breaks. You will not be required to work more than five consecutive hours without a 30-minute meal break. A 10-minute rest period will be provided for every four hours of working time.

The Company requests that employees accurately observe and record meal and rest periods. If you know in advance that you may not be able to take your scheduled break or meal period, let your Supervisor know; in addition, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible if you were unable to or prohibited from taking a meal or rest period.

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Overtime

If you are nonexempt, you may qualify for overtime pay. All overtime must be approved in advance, in writing, by your Supervisor.

At certain times Four Star Software Inc may require you to work overtime. We will attempt to give as much notice as possible in this instance. However, advance notice may not always be possible. Failure to work overtime when requested or working unauthorized overtime may result in discipline, up to and including discharge.

Unless otherwise required or exempted by law, overtime pay of one and one-half times your regular rate of pay is paid for any hours worked in excess of 40 hours in a workweek. Holidays, vacation days, and sick leave days do not count as time worked for computing overtime.

Pay Period

At Four Star Software Inc, the standard pay period is biweekly for all employees. Pay dates are the first and fifteenth of every month. If a pay date falls on a holiday, you will be paid on the preceding workday. If a pay date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, you will be paid on the preceding Friday. Special provisions may be required from time to time if holidays fall on pay dates. Check with your Supervisor if this type of date arises.

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If you are paid by commission, refer to your commission agreement.

Review your paycheck for accuracy. If you find an issue, report it to your Supervisor immediately.

Travel Time Pay

Some nonexempt positions within Four Star Software Inc require travel. The Company pays nonexempt employees for travel time in accordance with federal and state law. For purposes of this policy, the regular workday is 8:30 - 5:30 (Monday - Friday), etc.

Home to Work Travel

If you travel from home before the regular workday and return to your home at the end of the workday, you are engaged in ordinary home to work travel, which is not work time up to the nearest quarter hour.

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Home to Work Travel

If you travel from home before the regular workday and return to your home at the end of the workday, you are engaged in ordinary home to work travel, which is not work time.

Home to Work on a Special One Day Assignment in Another City

If you regularly work at a fixed location in one city and you are given a special one day assignment in another city, but return home the same day, the time spent in traveling to and returning from the other city is work time, except that the Company may deduct/not count that time you would normally spend commuting to the regular work site.

Travel That Is All in a Day's Work

Your time spent in travel as part of your principal activity, such as travel from job site to job site during the workday, is work time and must be counted as hours worked.

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Travel Away from Home Community

Travel that keeps you away from home overnight is travel away from home. Travel away from home is clearly work time when it cuts across your workday. The time is not only hours worked on regular working days during normal working hours but also during corresponding hours on nonworking days. The Company will not consider as work time that time spent in travel away from home outside of your regular working hours as a passenger on an airplane, train, boat, bus, or automobile.

Work Performed While Traveling

Any work you perform while traveling must be counted as hours worked.

Calculating and Reporting Travel Time

You are responsible for accurately tracking, calculating, and reporting your travel time. Travel time should be calculated by rounding up to the nearest quarter hour.

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Wage Disclosure Protection

In accordance with Washington law, Four Star Software Inc will not:

- Require, as a condition of employment, that you not disclose the amount of your wages.
- Require you to sign a waiver or other document that prevents you from disclosing the amount of your wages.

Additionally, the Company will not discriminate or in any other manner retaliate against you for:

- Inquiring about, disclosing, comparing, or otherwise discussing your wages or the wages of other employees;
- Asking the Company to provide a reason for the amount of your wages or lack of opportunity for advancement; or
- Aiding or encouraging other employees to exercise their rights under this policy.

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If you have access to or knowledge of the compensation information of other employees as a part of your essential job functions, you may not disclose that information to individuals who do not otherwise have authorized access to it, unless the disclosure is: (1) In response to a formal charge or complaint; (2) In furtherance of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or other action (including an investigation conducted by the Company); or (3) Consistent with the legal duty of the Company to furnish information.

This policy does not require you to disclose the amount of your wages.

If you believe that you have been discriminated or retaliated against in violation of this policy, immediately report your concerns to [Mark Freedman](#) or [Sam Grogan](#).

Nothing in this policy will be enforced to interfere with, restrain or coerce, or retaliate against employees regarding their rights under the National Labor Relations Act.

Washington Policies

Performance, Discipline, Layoff, and Termination

Disciplinary Process

Violation of Four Star Software Inc policies or procedures may result in disciplinary action including demotion, transfer, leave without pay, or termination of employment. The Company encourages a system of progressive discipline depending on the type of prohibited conduct. However, the Company is not required to engage in progressive discipline and may discipline or terminate employees who violate the rules of conduct, or where the quality or value of their work fails to meet expectations at any time. Again, any attempt at progressive discipline does not imply that your employment is anything other than on an "at-will" basis.

In appropriate circumstances, management will first provide you with a verbal warning, then with one or more written warnings, and if the conduct is not sufficiently altered, eventual demotion, transfer, forced leave, or termination of employment. Your Supervisor will make every effort possible to allow you to respond to any disciplinary action taken. Understand that while the Company is concerned with consistent enforcement of our policies, we are not obligated to follow any disciplinary or grievance procedure and that depending on the circumstances, you may be disciplined or terminated without any prior warning or procedure.

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Access to Personnel and Medical Records Files

Four Star Software Inc maintains separate medical records files and personnel files for all employees. Files containing medical records are stored separate and apart from any business-related records in a safe, locked, inaccessible location. The medical file is the repository for sensitive and confidential information related to an individual's health, health benefits, health-related leave and/or accommodations, and benefits selections and coverage. Medical records are kept confidential in compliance with applicable laws and access is on a "need-to-know" basis only.

Supervisors and others in management may have access to your personnel file for possible employment-related decisions. If you wish to review your personnel or medical records file, you must give the Company reasonable notice. Inspection must occur in the presence of a Company representative.

All requests by an outside party for information contained in your personnel file will be directed to the appropriate department, which is the only department authorized to give out such information.

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Jury Duty Leave

Four Star Software Inc encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your Supervisor as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

If you are classified as exempt, you will not incur any deduction in pay for a partial week's absence due to jury duty. If you are classified as nonexempt, you will not be compensated for time spent on jury duty. You may opt to use PTO/vacation in place of unpaid leave.

The Company reserves the right to require employees to provide proof of jury duty service to the extent authorized by law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

Washington Policies

Benefits

Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking

If you are a victim, or a family member of a victim, of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, Four Star Software Inc will provide you with reasonable unpaid leave from work to take care of legal or law enforcement needs or to get medical treatment, social services assistance, or mental health counseling. Family member means a child, spouse, parent, parent-in-law, grandparent, or person you are dating. The Company may request verification of your family relationship.

When possible, you must provide reasonable advance notice of the need for leave. If advance notice cannot be given because of an emergency or unforeseen circumstances due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, you or someone on your behalf must provide notice no later than the end of the first day you take leave.

You may be required to provide verification that you or your family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking and that the leave is being taken for purposes described above. Verification must be provided in a timely manner and will only be used to establish that the leave is legally protected. You may satisfy the verification requirements by providing the Company with documents such as a police report, court order, or written statement.

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With exception, information provided by you will be kept confidential. This includes:

- The fact that you or your family member is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- That you have requested or obtained domestic violence leave.
- Any written or oral statement, documentation, record, or corroborating evidence you provide.

Information provided by you will only be disclosed under the following circumstances:

- When requested or consented to by you.
- When ordered by a court or administrative agency.
- Where otherwise required by applicable federal or state law.

Leave under this policy is unpaid; however, you may choose to use any accrued paid leave. Leave may be taken intermittently, on a reduced work schedule, or in a single block of time, as the circumstances warrant. During the leave, the Company will maintain any health insurance coverage being provided in the same manner as if you had not taken leave.

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The leave must be reasonable in duration, which will be determined by management and you, based upon the circumstances.

Upon return from leave, you will be reinstated to the position held prior to taking leave or to an equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment, subject to certain exceptions as provided under Washington law.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

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Military Family Leave

In accordance with the Washington Military Family Leave Act (MFLA), Four Star Software Inc will provide employees who are the spouse of a military member up to 15 days of leave from work for each deployment when the military spouse is deployed or called up to active duty. The leave may be used prior to the deployment, or during the period when the military spouse is on leave during the deployment.

As used in this policy:

- Spouse includes same-sex spouses and state-registered domestic partners.
- Military member means a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, or reserves.

To be eligible for such leave, you must work 20 or more hours per week.

To take military family leave, you must provide notice of intention to take leave within five business days of receiving official notice of an impending call or order to active duty or of a leave from deployment.

The leave provided under this policy is unpaid; however, you may substitute any available paid leave. You may split the 15-day leave between different periods of time (pre-deployment or while the military member is on leave during deployment). The total number of days of leave, however, cannot exceed 15 days per deployment.

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Military Family Leave

The Company may count FMLA-qualified leave related to a deployment as state MFLA leave if the leave is taken before the deployment, or during any period when the military spouse is on leave from deployment.

You will be allowed to continue available group health benefits at your own expense.

Upon return from leave, you will be restored to your prior position.

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

Washington Policies

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Washington's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program is a mandatory statewide insurance program that provides most employees in Washington with paid time off to give or receive care. Eligible employees are entitled to partial wage replacement benefits of up to 90 percent of their weekly pay, depending on their income. The program is administered by the Washington Employment Security Department (ESD) and is funded by premiums paid by employees (through payroll deductions).

Eligibility

To be eligible for PFML you must:

- Have worked at least 820 hours (or about 16 hours a week) in Washington during the qualifying period. The 820 hours are cumulative, regardless of the number of employers or jobs you have had during the year. All paid work in Washington over the course of the year counts toward the 820 hours, including part-time, seasonal, and temporary work.
- Experience a qualifying event.

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Qualifying Events

You may take PFML for the following reasons:

- Family leave to:
 - o Bond with your newborn child, newly adopted child, or newly placed foster child (bonding leave);
 - o Care for a family member with a serious health condition;
 - o Prepare for a family member's pre- and post-deployment activities, as well as time for childcare issues related to the family member's deployment; or
 - o Deal with the death of a newborn or newly adopted/fostered child (bereavement leave).
- Medical leave to care for your own serious health condition.

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Family member means:

- Your biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, a child's spouse, or a child to whom you stand in loco parentis, are a legal guardian, or are a de facto parent, regardless of age or dependency status.
- Your spouse or state registered domestic partner.
- Your parent or your spouse's parent (including biological, adoptive, de facto, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian or an individual who stood in loco parentis to you or your spouse as a child).
- Your sibling.
- Your grandchild.
- Your grandparent.
- Any individual who regularly resides in your home or where your relationship creates an expectation that you care for the person, and that person depends on you for care. It does not include an individual who simply resides in your home with no expectation that you care for them.

Washington Policies

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Usage

Eligible employees may generally take up to 12 weeks of PFML per year. If you have more than one qualifying event in the same year, you may be eligible to take up to 16 weeks of PFML. Combined leave cannot exceed 16 total weeks unless there is a serious, incapacitating health issue related to pregnancy, which adds two more weeks (18 weeks total).

Bonding leave must be taken during the first 12 months after the child's birth or placement.

Bereavement leave must be used within seven calendar days of the child's death.

During the first six weeks after the birth of a child, any PFML used based on incapacity due to pregnancy or for prenatal care will count as paid medical leave by default, unless you choose to use paid family leave during that period.

PFML may be used intermittently rather than all at once.

You will not be required to use other leave before using PFML.

Washington Policies

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Requesting Leave

If the need for leave is foreseeable, provide 30 days' written notice of your intent to take leave. Notice must contain at least the anticipated timing and duration of leave. If unforeseeable, provide written notice as soon as practical.

Failure to provide proper notice may result in the denial of leave for a period of time equal to the number of days that notice was insufficient.

Questions and Applying for Benefits

If you have questions regarding this policy, contact [Mark Freedman](#). If you are eligible for PFML benefits, you may obtain detailed information about the program and apply for benefits through the Washington Employment Security Department (ESD) website at <https://paidleave.wa.gov/>.

Job Restoration

Unless you have been identified as a key employee (as defined under the FMLA) prior to taking PFML, upon return from leave you will be restored to your previous or an equivalent job, provided you worked for the Company for at least 12 months and worked at least 1,250 hours in the 12 months before taking leave.

Washington Policies

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave under the Washington PFML program.

Washington Policies

Paid Sick Leave (Accrual Method)

Four Star Software Inc provides paid sick leave to eligible employees in accordance with Washington's Paid Sick Leave Law.

Eligibility

All employees are eligible for sick leave.

Reasons for Leave

Sick leave may be taken for the following reasons:

- To care for your own or a family member's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, including the need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment, and preventive medical care.
- If and when the Company closes for a health-related reason or when your child's school closes for a health-related reason.
- For absences that qualify for leave under the state's Domestic Violence Leave Act (DVLA).

Washington Policies

Paid Sick Leave (Accrual Method)

Family member means:

- A child, including a biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, or a child to whom you stand in loco parentis, are a legal guardian, or are a de facto parent, regardless of age or dependency status;
- A biological, adoptive, de facto, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of you or your spouse or registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when you were a minor child;
- A spouse;
- A registered domestic partner;
- A grandparent;
- A grandchild; or
- A sibling.

Washington Policies

Paid Sick Leave (Accrual Method)

Accrual and Usage

Eligible employees accrue one hour of sick leave for every 40 hours worked. New employees begin accruing sick leave on their first day of employment. For purposes of this policy, the leave year is any consecutive 12-month period (e.g., calendar year, fiscal year, year from an employee hire date, etc.) You will not accrue sick leave during vacation, paid time off (PTO), or while using sick leave.

You may begin using sick leave on your 90th day of employment, and you may carry over up to 40 hours of accrued, unused sick leave to the following leave year.

Notice

If the need for leave is foreseeable, you must provide notice at least 10 days, or as early as practical, before the first day sick leave is used. If unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practical before the required start of your shift. If known, notice should include the expected length of the absence.

Documentation

For absences exceeding three days, you may be required to provide verification that your use of sick leave is for an authorized purpose. Verification must be provided within 10 or more days after the first day of absence. Verification may not be required if it results in an unreasonable burden or expense to you and may not exceed privacy or verification requirements otherwise established by law.

Washington Policies

Paid Sick Leave (Accrual Method)

Interaction with Other Leave

You may be required to use available sick leave during family and medical leave, disability leave, or other statutorily-authorized leave that would otherwise be unpaid.

Payment Upon Termination

You will not be paid for any unused sick leave when your employment ends.

Reinstatement of Sick Leave Upon Rehire

The Company will reinstate previously accrued, unused sick leave if you separate and are rehired within 12 months.

Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

Washington Policies

Paid Sick Leave (Frontloading Method)

Four Star Software Inc provides paid sick leave to eligible employees in accordance with Washington's Paid Sick Leave Law.

Eligibility

All employees are eligible for sick leave.

Reasons for Leave

Sick leave may be taken for the following reasons:

- To care for your own or a family member's mental or physical illness, injury, or health condition, including the need for medical diagnosis, care, or treatment, and preventive medical care.
- If and when the Company closes for a health-related reason or when your child's school closes for a health-related reason.
- For absences that qualify for leave under the state's Domestic Violence Leave Act (DVLA).

Washington Policies

Paid Sick Leave (Frontloading Method)

Family member means:

- A child, including a biological, adopted, or foster child, stepchild, or a child to whom you stand in loco parentis, are a legal guardian, or are a de facto parent, regardless of age or dependency status;
- A biological, adoptive, de facto, or foster parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of you or your spouse or registered domestic partner, or a person who stood in loco parentis when you were a minor child;
- A spouse;
- A registered domestic partner;
- A grandparent;
- A grandchild; or
- A sibling.

Washington Policies

Paid Sick Leave (Frontloading Method)

Amount of Leave and Usage

On the first day of employment, and at the beginning of each subsequent leave year, the Company will credit eligible employees with an amount of sick leave based on their current work schedule. For purposes of this policy the leave year is any consecutive 12-month period (e.g., calendar year, fiscal year, employee work anniversary etc.) The amount of sick leave provided will be determined using the following formula: $(\# \text{ hours per week}) \times (\# \text{ weeks}) / 40 = (\# \text{ of frontloaded paid sick leave hours provided})$.

You may begin using sick leave on your 90th day of employment, and you may carry over up to 40 hours of accrued, unused sick leave to the following leave year.

Notice

If the need for leave is foreseeable, you must provide notice at least 10 days, or as early as practical, before the first day sick leave is used. If unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practical before the required start of your shift. If known, notice should include the expected length of the absence.

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Paid Sick Leave (Frontloading Method)

Retaliation

The Company will not retaliate against employees who request or take leave in accordance with this policy.

Washington Policies

Voting Leave

If your work schedule prevents you from voting on Election Day, Four Star Software Inc will allow you a reasonable time off to vote. The time when you can go to vote will be at the discretion of your Supervisor, consistent with applicable legal requirements.

Washington Policies

Safety and Loss Prevention

Workplace Smoking

Four Star Software Inc is concerned about the effect that smoking and secondhand smoke inhalation can have on its employees and clients. Smoking in the office, client areas, and restrooms is prohibited.