



**Flashbay Inc.**

**Employee Handbook**

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# Core Policies

## 1.0 Welcome

### 1.1 A Welcome Policy

Welcome! You have just joined a dedicated organization. We hope that your employment with Flashbay 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.

If you have questions about your employment or any provisions in this handbook, contact [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

We wish you success in your employment here at Flashbay Inc.!

All the best,

Steve Webster, CEO  
Flashbay Inc.

### 1.2 At-Will Employment

Your employment with Flashbay 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 CEO 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 CEO.

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.

## **1.3 Flashbay Values**

This is a reminder of Flashbay Inc.'s values which all members of Flashbay Inc. should embody and uphold.

### **Performance**

We get things done.

### **Innovation**

We try new things.

### **Perseverance**

We never surrender.

### **Integrity**

We are true to our core.

### **Agility**

We can adapt.

## **2.0 Introductory Language and Policies**

### **2.1 Our Organization**

While our factory is a hierarchical structure, we continue to maintain an uncomplicated, flat structure for Flashbay UK and USA.

(Please see FLASHBAY'S STRUCTURE in the Employee Center for a current Organizational Chart.)

### **2.2 Revisions to Handbook**

This handbook is our attempt to keep you informed of the terms and conditions of your employment, including Flashbay 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, typically in a written supplement to the handbook or in a posting on company bulletin boards.

## **3.0 Hiring and Orientation Policies**

### **3.1 Accommodations for Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Related Medical Conditions**

Flashbay Inc. recognizes the importance of supporting employees experiencing limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions by providing reasonable accommodations. We are committed to complying with the federal Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) and any applicable state or local laws offering additional protections.

Examples of reasonable accommodations include:

- Additional break time for restroom use, meals, hydration, and rest.
- Seating options allowing for sitting or standing as needed.

- Schedule changes, part-time work, and paid and unpaid leave.
- Flexible work hours to accommodate medical appointments and physical needs.
- Telework (remote work).
- Closer parking spots to the workplace entrance.
- Light duty.
- Making existing facilities accessible or modifying the work environment.
- Job restructuring.
- Temporarily suspending one or more essential functions of your job.
- Acquiring or modifying equipment, uniforms, or devices.
- Adjusting or modifying examinations or policies.

If you require an accommodation, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). In instances where the need for a particular accommodation is not obvious, you may be asked to provide:

- The reason an accommodation is needed.
- A description of the proposed accommodation.
- Information on how the accommodation will effectively address your limitations.

Medical documentation will not be required in the following situations:

- When the limitation and need for an accommodation is obvious.
- If the Company is already aware of the limitation due to previous disclosures.
- When requesting accommodations such as additional restroom breaks, fluid intake, food breaks, or seating arrangements, which are considered presumptively reasonable.
- For any lactation accommodations.
- When a similar accommodation has been provided to other employees without requiring documentation.

The Company will engage in an interactive process with you to identify suitable accommodations. While we strive to accommodate all requests, certain accommodations may not be provided if they would result in undue hardship to the Company. Factors considered include the nature and cost of the accommodation, the overall financial resources of the facility, and the impact on operations, including safety and efficiency.

If leave is provided as a reasonable accommodation, it may run concurrently with leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and/or any other applicable leave as permitted by law.

The Company strictly prohibits retaliation against employees who request or utilize an accommodation under this policy.

### **3.2 Conflicts of Interest**

Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). 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.

### **3.3 Disability Accommodation**

Flashbay 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 hr.us@flashbay.com. You may be asked to include relevant information such as:

- The reason you need an accommodation.
- A description of the proposed 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.

Where state or local law provides greater protections to employees than federal law, the Company will apply the law that provides the greatest benefit to employees.

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.

### **3.4 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 Flashbay Inc. If you are currently employed and have not complied with this requirement or if your status has changed, inform your hr.us@flashbay.com.

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.

### **3.5 New Hires and Introductory Periods**

The first 6 months of your employment is considered an introductory period. During this period, you will become familiar with Flashbay 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. 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.

### **3.6 Religious Accommodation**

Flashbay Inc. recognizes the diversity of religious beliefs and is committed to providing equal employment opportunities to all employees, regardless of their religious beliefs and practices or lack thereof. Consistent with this commitment, the Company complies with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all applicable state and local laws that prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of religion. The Company will reasonably accommodate the sincerely held religious beliefs of employees if the accommodations would resolve a conflict between the individual's religious belief or practice and a work requirement, unless doing so would create an undue hardship.

*Requesting a Religious Accommodation*

If you need an accommodation because of your religious beliefs or practices, make the request with your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). You may be asked to include relevant information such as:

- A description of the proposed accommodation.
- The reason you need the accommodation.
- How the accommodation will help resolve the conflict between your religious beliefs or practices (or lack thereof) and your work requirements.

After receiving your request, the Company will engage in an interactive dialogue with you to explore potential accommodations that could resolve the conflict between your religious beliefs or practices and work requirements. The Company encourages you to suggest specific reasonable accommodations. 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.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees who, in good faith, request a religious accommodation under this policy.

## **4.0 Wage and Hour Policies**

### **4.1 Attendance**

Flashbay Inc. requires regular and punctual attendance by employees. You are expected to arrive at the workplace on time and ready to perform your job. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

If you are not going to arrive at work or return from a break on time, you must notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) as soon as possible before your scheduled start time.

If you must miss work due to an emergency or other unexpected circumstance, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) as soon as possible. Notice should include the expected duration of your absence and your expected time or date of return. You may be required to provide documentation of the need for the absence, as permitted by applicable law.

If you become ill during your scheduled workday and need to leave before the end of your shift, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) immediately. If you are unable to perform your job at an acceptable level due to illness, you may be sent home until you are well enough to work.

Absences will be considered excused if you requested the time off in accordance with Company policies and received the required approval for the absence. Absences will be considered unexcused if you are absent from work during scheduled work hours without permission and do not receive retroactive approval. This policy applies to all absences, including full- or partial-day absences, late arrivals, and early departures.

Planned absences, such as vacations or medical appointments, should be arranged as far in advance as possible. If you need to be absent during the workday, attempt to schedule outside appointments or obligations so that your absence has the smallest impact possible on business operations.

The Company reserves the right to apply unused vacation, sick time, or other paid time off to unauthorized absences when permitted by applicable law. Absences resulting from approved leave, vacation, or legal requirements are exceptions to this policy.

If you fail to report to work for three or more consecutive days and have not provided proper notification, the Company will assume that you have voluntarily resigned your position and will proceed with the termination process.



## 4.2 Direct Deposit

Flashbay Inc. encourages all employees to enroll in direct deposit. If you would like to take advantage of direct deposit, ask Human Resources 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 provided to you on paydays in lieu of a check.

## 4.3 Employment Classifications

The Company designates all employees as either exempt or nonexempt in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local law:

- **Exempt Employees.** Exempt employees are generally paid a fixed salary and are not entitled to overtime pay.
- **Nonexempt Employees.** Nonexempt employees are entitled to minimum wage and overtime pay.

The Company also assigns each employee to one of the following categories:

- **Regular Full-Time Employees.** Regular full-time employees are normally scheduled to work at least 40 hours per workweek, except for approved time off. Full-time employees are eligible for most Company benefits.
- **Regular Part-Time Employees.** Regular part-time employees are normally scheduled to work 30 hours or less per workweek. Part-time employees are not eligible for most Company benefits or may be eligible for prorated benefits
- **Temporary/Seasonal Employees.** Temporary employees are generally hired on a temporary or project-specific basis, with either full- or part-time hours. Seasonal employees are hired on a temporary basis during a time of year when extra work is available. Temporary/seasonal employees are not eligible for most Company benefits.

You will be informed of your classification, status, and responsibilities at the time of hire and at any time your classification, status, or responsibilities change. If you have a question regarding this information, contact Human Resources. These classifications do not alter your employment at-will status.

## 4.4 Introduction to Wage and Hour Policies

At Flashbay Inc., pay depends on a wide range of factors, including pay scale surveys, individual effort, profits, and market forces. If you have any questions about your compensation, including matters such as paid time off, commissions, overtime, benefits, or paycheck deductions, speak with your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

## 4.5 Paycheck Deductions

Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

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.

## **4.6 Recording Time**

Flashbay 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 timekeeping application. Speak with your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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.
- Other compensable time required by state law (such as time taken waiting to undergo and undergoing mandatory screenings).

Time sheets are to be turned in to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) or appropriate department by the end of each pay period.

Notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) of any pay discrepancies, unrecorded or mis recorded 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 Human Resources 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.

## **5.0 Performance, Discipline, Layoff, and Termination**

### **5.1 Criminal Activity/Arrests**

Flashbay Inc. will report all criminal activity in accordance with applicable law. Involvement in criminal activity while employed by the Company, whether on or off Company property, may result in disciplinary action including suspension or termination of employment.

You are expected to be on the job, ready to work, when scheduled. Inability to report to work as scheduled may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment, for violation of an attendance policy or job abandonment.

### **5.2 Exit Interview**

You may be asked to participate in an exit interview when you leave Flashbay Inc. The purpose of the exit interview is to provide management with greater insight into your decision to leave employment; identify

any trends requiring attention or opportunities for improvement; and to assist the Company in developing effective recruitment and retention strategies. Your cooperation in the exit interview process is appreciated.

### **5.3 Open Door/Conflict Resolution Process**

Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). If you have already brought this matter to the attention of your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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.

### **5.4 Outside Employment**

Outside employment that creates a conflict of interest or that affects the quality or value of your work performance or availability at Flashbay Inc. is prohibited. The Company recognizes that you may seek additional employment during off hours, but in all cases expects that any outside employment will not affect your attendance, job performance, productivity, work hours, or scheduling, or would otherwise adversely affect your ability to effectively perform your duties or in any way create a conflict of interest. Any outside employment that will conflict with your duties and obligations to the Company should be reported to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). Failure to adhere to this policy may result in discipline up to and including termination.

### **5.5 Post-Employment References**

Flashbay Inc. policy is to confirm dates of employment and job title only. With written authorization, the Company will confirm compensation information when permissible by applicable law. Forward any requests for employment verification to Human Resources.

### **5.6 Promotions**

To match you with the job for which you are best suited and to meet the business needs of Flashbay Inc., you may be transferred from your current job. It is our policy to promote from within only when the most qualified candidate is available. Promotions are made on an equal opportunity basis according to employees possessing the needed skills, education, experience, and other qualifications that are required for the job.

All employees promoted into new job positions will undergo an introductory period as described in the New Hires and Introductory Periods policy. Unlike new hires, however, such employees will continue to receive Company benefits for which they are eligible.

### **5.7 Standards of Conduct**

Flashbay 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.

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.
- 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.
- Refusal or failure to follow safety rules and procedures.
- Excessive tardiness or absences.
- Smoking in non-designated 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.

Nothing in this policy is intended to limit your rights under the National Labor Relations Act, or to modify the at-will employment status where at-will is not prohibited by state law.

## **6.0 General Policies**

### **6.1 Computer Security and Copying of Software**

Software programs purchased and provided by Flashbay Inc. are to be used only for creating, researching, and processing materials for Company use. By using Company hardware, software, and networking systems you assume personal responsibility for their use and agree to comply with this policy and other applicable Company policies, as well as city, state, and federal laws and regulations.

All software acquired for or on behalf of the Company, or developed by Company employees or contract personnel on behalf of the Company, is and will be deemed Company property. It is the policy of the Company to respect all computer software rights and to adhere to the terms of all software licenses to which the Company is a party. Human Resources is responsible for enforcing these guidelines.

You may not illegally duplicate any licensed software or related documentation. Unauthorized duplication of software may subject you and/or the Company to both civil and criminal penalties under the United States Copyright Act. To purchase software, obtain your manager's approval. All software acquired by the Company must be purchased through management.

You may not duplicate, copy, or give software to any outsiders including clients, contractors, customers, and others. You may use software on local area networks or on multiple machines only in accordance with applicable license agreements entered into by the Company.

## 6.2 Employer Sponsored Social Events

Flashbay Inc. holds periodic social events for employees. Be advised that your attendance at these events is voluntary and does not constitute part of your work-related duties. Any exceptions to this policy must be in writing and signed by a hr.us@flashbay.com prior to the event.

Alcoholic beverages may be available at these events. If you choose to drink alcoholic beverages, you must do so in a responsible manner. Do not drink and drive. Instead, please call a taxi or appoint a designated driver.

## 6.3 Non-solicitation/Non-distribution Policy

Flashbay Inc. prioritizes a harmonious work environment that minimizes disruption to business operations and respects the focus of employees, visitors, and others. Our non-solicitation/non-distribution policy aims to ensure a balanced approach to interactions within the workplace.

### Solicitation

For the purposes of this policy, **solicitation** includes various activities such as selling items or services, seeking contributions, or seeking support for an organization. Solicitation, whether conducted verbally, in writing, or electronically, falls under this policy's scope.

During your assigned working hours, soliciting other employees is prohibited. **Working hours** refers to periods when either you or the employees you intend to solicit are expected to be actively engaged in work-related activities. You are permitted to engage in solicitation during authorized nonworking times, such as breaks, provided that the recipients of the solicitation are also on nonworking time.

### Distribution

To ensure cleanliness, organization, and safety, the distribution of nonwork-related literature or items within working areas is prohibited at all times. Working areas do not include break/rest areas, lunchrooms, and parking lots. Electronic distribution of materials during work hours is also not allowed. Any literature that violates the Company's equal employment opportunity (EEO) and non-harassment policies, or knowingly spreads false information, is strictly prohibited. Nonemployees are not permitted to distribute materials on company premises under any circumstances.

### Statutory Rights and Communication

This policy is not meant to curtail the statutory rights of employees, including their right to discuss terms and conditions of employment. Open communication remains a vital part of our workplace culture.

### Reporting Violations

If you become aware of violations of this policy, report them to your hr.us@flashbay.com.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a respectful and focused work environment.

## **6.4 Personal Appearance**

Your personal appearance reflects on the reputation, integrity, and public image of Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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.

## **6.5 Personal Cell Phone/Mobile Device Use**

While Flashbay Inc. permits employees to bring personal cell phones and other mobile devices (i.e. smart phones, tablets, laptops) into the workplace, you must not allow the use of such devices to interfere with your job duties or impact workplace safety and health.

Use of personal cell phones and mobile devices at work can be distracting and disruptive and cause a loss of productivity. Thus, you should primarily use such personal devices during nonworking time, such as breaks and meal periods. During this time, use devices in a manner that is courteous to those around you. Outside of nonworking time, use of such devices should be minimal and limited to emergency use only. If you have a device that has a camera and/or audio/video recording capability, you are restricted from using those functions on Company property unless authorized in advance by management or when they are used in a manner consistent with your right to engage in concerted activity under section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA).

You are expected to comply with Company policies regarding the protection of confidential and proprietary information when using personal devices.

While operating a vehicle on work time, the Company requires that the driver's personal cell phone/mobile device be turned off. If you need to make or receive a phone call while driving, pull off the road to a safe location unless you have the correct hands-free equipment for the device that is in compliance with applicable state laws.

You may not connect your personal device to the Company network or to Company equipment (computers, printers, etc.).

You may have the opportunity to use your personal devices for work purposes. Before using a personal device for work-related purposes, you must obtain written authorization from Human Resources. The use of personal devices is limited to certain employees and may be limited based on compatibility of technology. If you are authorized to use a personal device, you will receive a monthly stipend based on the estimated use of the device. If you obtain or currently have a plan that exceeds the monthly stipend, the Company will not be liable for the cost difference.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prevent employees from engaging in protected concerted activity under the NLRA.

You will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment for violation of this policy.

## 6.6 Personal Data Changes

It is your obligation to provide Flashbay Inc. with your current contact information, including current mailing address and telephone number. You should also inform the Company of any changes to your 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 Human Resources.

## 6.7 Security

All employees are responsible for helping to make Flashbay Inc. a secure work environment. Upon leaving work, lock all desks, lockers, and doors protecting valuable or sensitive material in your work area and report any lost or stolen keys, passes, or similar devices to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) immediately. Refrain from discussing specifics regarding Company security systems, alarms, passwords, etc. with those outside of the Company.

Immediately advise your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) of any known or potential security risks and/or suspicious conduct of employees, customers, or guests of the Company. Safety and security are the responsibility of all employees and we rely on you to help us keep our premises secure.

## 6.8 Social Media

Flashbay Inc. acknowledges that social media has become an integral part of modern life that provides us with unique opportunities to communicate and share information with others. However, we also want to educate employees that their social media use can:

- Pose risks to the Company's confidential and proprietary information, reputation, and brand;
- Expose the Company to discrimination, harassment, and other claims; and
- Jeopardize the Company's compliance with business rules and laws.

To minimize legal risks, avoid loss of productivity and distraction, and ensure that the Company's IT resources and communications systems are used appropriately, all employees must abide by the following policy regarding social media use.

### Social Media

For purposes of this policy, **social media** refers to any means of posting content on the internet, including personal websites, social networking sites, blogs, chat rooms, and other online platforms, whether affiliated with the Company or not.

### Use Good Judgment

While the Company respects your right to personal expression, you should assume that anything you do on social media—whether on a business or personal account—could be viewed by a colleague, supervisor, partner, supplier, competitor, investor, customer, or potential customer. As such, any social media activity, even from your personal account, reflects on the Company as well as on yourself. It is important to remember that anyone can see what you post (or what you posted five years ago).

### Guidelines for Posting on Social Media

When posting:

- Protect trade secrets, intellectual property, and confidential information related to the Company.
- Do not make statements that are maliciously false or defamatory or would constitute unlawful harassment or discrimination.
- Do not make express or implied threats of violence.
- Avoid linking personal accounts to the Company as an official source.
- Respect copyright, trademark, and third-party rights.
- Do not use the Company's email addresses to register on social media platforms for personal use.

- If you identify yourself as an employee of Flashbay Inc. on your personal account and are posting about the Company, make it clear that your views are your own and that you are not speaking on behalf of the Company.

### Using Social Media at Work

Do not use social media while on your work time, unless it is work related as authorized by your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

### Retaliation

Retaliation against those reporting policy violations or cooperating in investigations is prohibited. Retaliatory actions may lead to disciplinary measures.

### Violations

Violations of this policy may result in discipline, up to and including termination.

This policy does not limit employees' rights to discuss wages, hours, or other terms and conditions of employment. All employees have the right to engage in or refrain from such activities.

## **6.9 Third Party Disclosures**

From time to time, Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). If you have any questions about this policy or are not certain what to do when such a contact is made, contact [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com)

## **6.10 Use of Company Technology**

This policy is intended to provide Flashbay Inc. employees with the guidelines associated with the use of the Company information technology (IT) resources and communications systems.

This policy governs the use of all IT resources and communications systems owned by or available at the Company, and all use of such resources and systems when accessed using your own devices, including but not limited to:

- Email systems and accounts.
- Internet and intranet access.
- Telephones and voicemail systems, including wired and mobile phones, smartphones, and pagers.
- Printers, photocopiers, and scanners.
- Fax machines, e-fax systems, and modems.
- All other associated computer, network, and communications systems, hardware, peripherals, and software, including network key fobs and other devices.
- Closed-circuit television (CCTV) and all other physical security systems and devices, including access key cards and fobs.

### General Provisions



Company IT resources and communications systems are to be used for business purposes only unless otherwise permitted under applicable law.

All content maintained in Company IT resources and communications systems are the property of the Company. Therefore, employees should have no expectation of privacy in any message, file, data, document, facsimile, telephone conversation, social media post, conversation, or any other kind or form of information or communication transmitted to, received, or printed from, or stored or recorded on Company electronic information and communications systems.

The Company reserves the right to monitor, intercept, and/or review all data transmitted, received, or downloaded over Company IT resources and communications systems in accordance with applicable law. Any individual who is given access to the system is hereby given notice that the Company will exercise this right periodically, without prior notice and without prior consent.

The interests of the Company in monitoring and intercepting data include, but are not limited to: protection of Company 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.); managing the use of the computer system; and/or assisting employees in the management of electronic data during periods of absence.

You should not interpret the use of password protection as creating a right or expectation of privacy, nor should you have a right or expectation of privacy regarding the receipt, transmission, or storage of data on Company IT resources and communications systems.

Do not use Company IT resources and communications systems for any matter that you would like to be kept private or confidential.

#### Violations

If you violate this policy, you will be subject to corrective action, up to and including termination of employment. If necessary, the Company will also advise law enforcement officials of any illegal conduct.

### **6.11 Workplace Privacy and Right to Inspect**

Flashbay 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.

## **7.0 Benefits**

### **7.1 Medical Insurance**

Employees who work 30 hours or more may elect coverage in our group medical insurance plan. Coverage will be effective on the first of the month following 60th day of employment.

Your contribution will be paid by Flashbay. At your option, you may add eligible dependents with the premium being paid by you. A full summary plan description is available from the benefits administrator.

#### Medical/Dental/Vision Insurance

All full-time employees (minimum forty hours per week) are eligible to participate in the group health, dental and vision plans sponsored by FLASHBAY. New employees become eligible for coverage on the 1st day of the following month after completing 60 days of employment.

Flashbay will pay for 50% of the monthly Medical Insurance premium for all Dependent Children of employees who have worked at our company for 2 years or longer. The remaining 50% of the monthly Medical Insurance premium for Dependent Children must be paid by the employee. Employees will be responsible for all of their medical costs (and their dependents) once they terminate employment with Flashbay. The continued provision of this benefit is at the discretion of the company and it may be subject to future review.

For a full description of the benefits and limitations of the plans, you should refer to the medical and dental plan summaries and brochures which were given to you upon passing your probationary period.

## 7.2 Bereavement Leave

Flashbay Inc. recognizes the importance of taking leave when there is a death in the family. Where bereavement leave is not required by law, the Company will provide bereavement leave as follows:

All employees who have completed 30 days are eligible for 5 days of paid bereavement leave for the death of an immediate family member.

You may use accrued but unused vacation/sick leave/paid time off if additional time is needed.

For purposes of this policy, **immediate family member** includes the following and applies both to the family of the employee and the employee's spouse: child (including foster child and stepchild), spouse, sister, brother, parents (including foster parents and stepparents), grandparents.

You must provide notice of your need for bereavement leave as far in advance as possible. The Company may require documentation supporting your need for bereavement leave.

## 7.3 COBRA

The Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) provides the opportunity for eligible Flashbay Inc. employees and their beneficiaries to continue health insurance coverage under the Company health plan when a "qualifying event" could result in the loss of eligibility. Qualifying events include resignation, termination of employment, death of an employee, reduction in hours, a leave of absence, divorce or legal separation, entitlement to Medicare, or where a dependent child no longer meets eligibility requirements.

Contact Human Resources to learn more about your COBRA rights.

## 7.4 Federal Jury Duty Leave

Flashbay Inc. encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to federal jury duty service. If you are summoned for federal jury duty, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) as soon as possible to make scheduling arrangements.

Time spent for federal jury duty service is unpaid; however, if you are classified as exempt, you will not incur any deduction in pay for a partial week's absence due to jury duty. You may opt to use vacation in place of unpaid leave.

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees for missing work due to federal jury service. Upon return to work, you will be reinstated to your prior position without loss of seniority and will be treated as if you have been on a leave of absence or furlough.

## 7.5 Holidays

Flashbay Inc. observes the following holidays each year:

New Year's Day
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Martin Luther King Day
President's Day
Memorial Day
Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

Eligible employees will receive pay for these observed holidays.

Eligible employees will be paid for our observed holidays if all the following conditions are fulfilled:

1. You are a full-time employee.
2. You are regularly scheduled to work on the observed holiday.
3. You have worked the full assigned scheduled workday immediately preceding and following the holiday, unless on authorized vacation, paid sick day or excused absence.

When the facility is closed for the holiday, full-time employees will be paid for such recognized holiday on the basis of eight (8) hours pay, at the eligible employee's regular straight-time hourly rate of pay.

When the facility is closed for the holiday, eligible part-time employees will be paid for such holidays on a prorated basis as set forth in the "Prorating of Benefits" Section of this handbook.

If Flashbay remains open on a company designated holiday, we will first ask for qualified employees to volunteer to work these shifts. If we are unable to fill all of the positions with volunteers, Flashbay will

schedule the number of employees required. Employees will be scheduled based number of holidays worked within the year, starting first with those who have worked 0 holidays. In either event, employees who work on a designated company holiday are paid regular time for hours worked and receive the number of hours worked added to their vacation accrual to be taken at another time, of the employee's choosing, later in the year.

You will be compensated for holidays in accordance with federal and state law.

If a recognized holiday falls on a Saturday, and is generally observed in this area on the preceding Friday, or if it falls on a Sunday and is observed on the following Monday, this practice will be followed by the Company.

If you are a full-time employee and your vacation falls within a week in which a holiday recognized by the Company occurs, at the option of the Company, you will not be charged for vacation on the holiday.

If you are a part-time employee and your vacation falls within a week in which a holiday recognized by the Company occurs, at the option of the Company, you will not be charged for vacation on the hours you would have worked during that holiday.

If you are a part-time employee, in order for you to be eligible for holiday pay (which is paid out at four hours per holiday), you must have been scheduled to work the day the holiday is observed by the Company.

If you are on an authorized leave of absence for whatever reason, you will not receive holiday pay for holidays recognized by the Company that occur during the leave.

## **7.6 Military Leave (USERRA)**

Flashbay Inc. complies with applicable federal and state law regarding military leave and re-employment rights. A 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 Human Resources 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 Human Resources or appropriate department.

## **7.7 Unemployment Compensation Insurance**

Unemployment compensation insurance is paid for by Flashbay 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.

## **7.8 Vacation**

### *Vacation*

Flashbay gives its full-time employees ten (10) days of paid vacation each year on an accrual system for your use during the calendar year as it is available. In certain circumstances, the Company, at its discretion, may advance vacation pay, and allow you to 'go negative'.

### *Eligibility*

All full-time employees are eligible to earn vacation. Eligible employees can begin using accrued vacation after three continuous months of employment, meaning you can apply for vacation after 2 months, giving at least 20 days' notice. All new eligible employees who have been on the payroll of the company for period of

three (3) continuous months will be allowed to use any accrued vacation, meaning you can apply for vacation after 2 months, giving at least 20 days' notice.

### Accrual

Vacation eligibility accrues based on regular hours paid throughout the calendar year. The accrual rates for the vacation earned for each regular hour paid are as follows:

At the start of your employment, you accrue at the rate of 1.54 hours per week / 0.308 hours per day. Which equals up to 80 vacation hours per year (if you started Jan. 1st).

### Vacation Carryover

You are required to take time off for vacation during the year. If you do not schedule your vacation by the end of the year, management may schedule it for you with reasonable notice.

In the event that accrued vacation time is not used by the end of the calendar year, employees will be paid out for those accrued and unused days and they will not carryover to the next year.

All hours paid out will be paid at your then current regular straight-time rate, less normal payroll taxes, and will be recorded as vacation hours taken.

### Scheduling Vacation

Scheduling of vacations will be made based on the company's operational needs. The Company has the right to cancel any vacation in the case of a Company emergency.

Employees shall not take more than two (2) consecutive weeks of vacation without prior approval by the Company.

The Company has the sole right to determine the number of employees who will be on vacation during any one (1) week. Vacations will be scheduled during the period of January through December each year.

### Vacation Use

Any use of vacation requires at least twenty (20) days prior approval by Management unless it is an emergency which can be documented.

You should give as much notice as possible of your intention to take holiday, in any case the minimum acceptable notice period is 20 days, and you should not make a holiday booking (or other bookings incurring any expense) until your holiday request has been approved.

When allowed by law, any accrued and unused vacation or sick time must be used before time off will be granted without pay.

### During a Leave of Absence

The Company may require you to use any unused vacation during disability or family medical leave, or any other leave of absence, where permissible under local, state, or federal law.

You will not accrue vacation during unpaid leaves of absence or other periods of inactive service, unless vacation accrual is required by applicable federal, state, or local law.

### Separation of Employment

Upon separation of employment for any reason, you will be paid for earned but unused vacation time.

## 7.9 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 Flashbay Inc., no matter how slightly, you are to report the incident immediately to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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.

## 8.0 Safety and Loss Prevention

### 8.1 Drug and Alcohol Policy

Flashbay 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.

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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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.

#### Employer-Sponsored Events

From time to time, the Company may sponsor social or business-related events where alcohol may be served. This policy does not prohibit the use or consumption of alcohol at these events. However, if you choose to consume alcohol at such events, you must do so responsibly and maintain your obligation to conduct yourself properly and professionally at all times.

#### 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 Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) as soon as reasonably possible and that an occupational illness or injury form be completed on each reported incident.

## 8.3 Workplace Tobacco Usage

Flashbay Inc. is concerned about the detrimental effects of smoking and secondhand smoke inhalation. Smoking (including the use of electronic vaping products such as e-cigarettes) is prohibited in the following:

- Company offices.
- Company vehicles.
- Client areas.
- Restrooms.
- Areas where signs are posted prohibiting smoking.
- Other areas defined by the employer.

The Company also prohibits the use of smokeless tobacco (e.g., chewing tobacco, dip, and snuff) in such areas.

The Company will not discriminate against employees based on their off-premises, off-duty tobacco usage.

## 8.4 Workplace Violence

As the safety and security of our employees, vendors, contractors, and the general public is in the best interests of Flashbay 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.

### 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com), 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.

### 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 Human Resources.

## **9.0 Trade Secrets and Inventions**

### **9.1 Confidentiality and Nondisclosure of Trade Secrets**

As a condition of employment, Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) or Human Resources.

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



# California Policies

## Hiring and Orientation Policies

### Accommodations for Victims of Crime or Abuse

Flashbay 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.

### 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.

### 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.
- 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.

### 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.

## **Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Accommodation**

Flashbay Inc. will reasonably accommodate employees who wish to voluntarily participate in an alcohol or drug rehabilitation program, provided that the accommodation will not impose an undue hardship on the Company.

A reasonable accommodation may include unpaid time off. If you have a serious health condition and are otherwise eligible, time off for alcohol and/or drug rehabilitation may also be covered by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or the California Family Rights Act (CFRA). If so, the Company will request approval and medical certification as it would for FMLA and CFRA leave requests, and the leaves will run concurrently. You may use accrued sick days, if any, for all or part of the time spent in entering or participating in a rehabilitation program.

The Company may discharge or refuse to hire an individual because of their current use of alcohol and/or drugs, because they are unable to perform their duties, or because they cannot perform their duties in a manner that would not endanger their own or another's health and safety.

Requests to participate in a rehabilitation program will be kept confidential. Direct all requests to participate in a rehabilitation program to Human Resources.

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

## **EEO Statement and No harassment Policy**

### Equal Opportunity Statement

Flashbay 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 unlawful harassment, discrimination, or retaliation based on the following protected classes: age (40 and over), 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, reproductive health decision-making, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical conditions), gender (including gender identity and gender expression), 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, off-duty and off-premises use of cannabis, 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, 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.

We are all responsible for upholding this policy. You may discuss questions regarding equal employment opportunity with your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) or any other designated member of management.

### Policy Against Workplace Harassment

Flashbay 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 membership in a protected class.

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.

### Harassment

**Harassment** means disrespectful or unprofessional conduct, including disrespectful or unprofessional conduct based on an individual's membership in a protected class.

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, or elsewhere on our premises, in emails or voicemails, or otherwise circulated in the workplace; and
- A display of symbols, slogans, or items that are associated with hate or intolerance toward any select group.

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

### 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 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.

### 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 Supervisor 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 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.

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 Civil Rights Department (CRD) to report unlawful harassment. You must file a complaint with the CRD within three years of the alleged unlawful action. The EEOC and the CRD serve as neutral factfinders 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 CRD office.

#### *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 Civil Rights Department**

2218 Kausen Drive, Suite 100

Elk Grove, CA 95758

Voice: 800-884-1684

TTY: 800-700-2320

California Relay Service: 711

Email: [contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov](mailto:contact.center@dfeh.ca.gov)

Main website: <https://www.calcivilrights.ca.gov>

Online sexual harassment training courses: <https://www.calcivilrights.ca.gov/shpt/>

#### **U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission**

450 Golden Gate Avenue 5 West

P.O. Box 36025

San Francisco, CA 94102-3661

Phone: 800-669-4000

Fax: 415-522-3415

TTY: 800-669-6820

ASL Video Phone: 844-234-5122

Website: <https://www.eeoc.gov/field-office/sanfrancisco/location>

## **Wage and Hour Policies**

### **Accommodations for Nursing Mothers**

Flashbay Inc. is required by law to provide requesting employees who are nursing mothers with certain accommodations to express milk. Accordingly, the Company will provide nursing mothers with:

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

#### Requesting Accommodation

If you have the need for accommodation, contact your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). 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, employees may use 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.

#### Lactation Room or Location

The provided lactation room or location will:

- Be safe, clean, and free of hazardous materials.
- Contain a surface to place a breast pump and personal items.
- Contain a place to sit.
- Have access to electricity or alternative devices, including, but not limited to, extension cords or charging stations, needed to operate an electric or battery-powered breast pump.

Multipurpose rooms may be used as lactation space if they satisfy the above requirements; however, use of the room for lactation purposes must take priority over other uses.

#### Milk Storage

Expressed milk can be stored in company refrigerators. Sufficiently mark or label your milk to avoid confusion for other employees who may share the refrigerator. If a refrigerator cannot be provided, the Company will provide another cooling device suitable for storing milk. You may also elect to bring a personal cooler for storage.

#### 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.

Under certain circumstances, the Company may be relieved of the duty to provide all or some of the above benefits if doing so would impose an undue hardship on the Company.

## **Meal and Rest Periods**

Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) know; in addition, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) to waive the second meal period.

See your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) for procedures related to requesting to waive a meal period in the above circumstances.

### 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.

## **One Day Rest in Seven**

In accordance with California law, nonexempt employees are generally permitted, on average, one day of rest for every seven days of work depending upon scheduling and business needs as well as availability and interest in additional hours of work.

## Overtime

If you are nonexempt, you may qualify for overtime pay. All overtime must be approved in advance, in writing, by your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

At certain times Flashbay 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.

## Pay Period

All employees are paid semi-monthly on the 15th and 30th. Paychecks received on the 15th will be for time worked from the 26th through the 10th. Paychecks received on the 30th will be for time worked from the 11th through the 25th.

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

Our workweek is Sunday through Saturday. During weeks in which the regular payday falls on a holiday, all paychecks will be issued to you on the last regular workday preceding (or the first regular workday following) the holiday. Should we decide to change the payday schedule, you will be given no less than seven calendar days' advance notice of the change.

Review your paycheck for accuracy and report any concerns to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) immediately; any corrections will be noted and will appear on the following check. If you wish to have someone else pick up your paycheck, you must give a written authorization to payroll each time.

## Reporting Time Pay

Flashbay Inc. provides reporting time pay to nonexempt employees in all circumstances required by applicable law, including when you report to work for your scheduled shift but are not put to work or are provided with less than half of your usual or scheduled day's work. Reporting time pay may also be available for employees who are asked to call in or verify whether they will be required to work through online resources. Reporting time pay will be paid at your regular rate of pay. Reporting time pay for hours not actually worked is not counted for purposes of determining overtime.

Reporting time pay is not provided under certain circumstances, including, but not limited to:

1. When Company operations cannot begin or continue due to threats to employees or property, or when civil authorities recommend that work not begin or continue.
2. When public utilities fail to supply electricity, water, or gas, or there is a failure in the public utilities or sewer system.
3. When the interruption of work is caused by an "act of God" or other cause outside of the employer's control, such as an earthquake.



Speak with your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) for more information regarding reporting time pay.

## **Travel Time Pay**

Some nonexempt positions within Flashbay 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.

## **Wage Disclosure Protection**

In accordance with California law, Flashbay Inc. will not:

- Prohibit you from:
  - Disclosing your own wages;
  - Discussing the wages of others; or
  - Inquiring about another's wages.
- Require you to sign a waiver or other document that proposes to deny you the right to disclose the amount of your wages.
- Discharge, formally discipline, or otherwise discriminate or retaliate against you for disclosing the amount of your wages.

However, if you have access to or knowledge of the private compensation information of other employees as a part of your role and essential job functions, you may not disclose that information to individuals who do not otherwise have access to it, unless the disclosure is:

- In response to a formal complaint or charge;
- Part of an investigation, proceeding, hearing, or action, including an investigation conducted by the Company; or
- Consistent with the legal duty of the Company to furnish information.

If you believe that you have been discriminated or retaliated against in violation of this policy, immediately report your concerns to [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

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.

## **Workday/Workweek**

The workday is a 24-hour period. Our workday begins at 12:00 a.m. and ends at 11:59 p.m. You will be paid for all hours worked. Pay for time worked will be computed from the time you register in for work until you are effectively released from duty and register out. 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 project.

## General Policies

### Access to Personnel and Medical Records Files

Flashbay 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. All employees have the right to inspect and receive a copy of their personnel records. The Company will make such records available for inspection and/or to receive a copy within 30 calendar days of a written request. Payroll records will be made available to inspect or receive a copy within 21 calendar days of a verbal or written request.

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

### Whistleblower Protections

When employees notify a supervisor, manager, or an appropriate government or law enforcement agency that they have reason to believe their employer is violating a state or federal statute, or violating or not complying with a state or federal rule or regulation, those employees are protected from retaliation. As such, Flashbay Inc. has a strict policy that prohibits retaliation against employees who make such reports while employed in any form of employment. The Company also does not permit retaliation against employees who refuse to participate in an activity that would result in a violation of a state or federal statute, or a violation or noncompliance with a state or federal rule or regulation.

If you have information regarding possible violations of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations, or violations of fiduciary responsibility by the Company, we encourage you to report it immediately to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) or to the President. Alternatively, you may contact the California State Attorney General's Whistleblower Hotline at (800) 952-5225. The Attorney General will refer your call to the appropriate government authority for review and possible investigation.

## Benefits

### Bereavement Leave

Flashbay Inc. will provide eligible employees up to five days of unpaid bereavement leave in accordance with the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for bereavement leave, you must be employed by the Company for at least 30 days prior to the start of leave.

#### Reasons for Leave

Eligible employees may take bereavement leave for the death of a family member.

As used in this policy:

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

- **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 parent-in-law; a stepparent; a legal guardian; or another 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.

### Use of Leave

Eligible employees will be provided up to five days of paid bereavement leave in the event of the death of a family member.

The five days of bereavement leave do not have to be taken consecutively. Bereavement leave must be completed within three months of the date of the family member's death.

You may elect to use any accrued vacation time or other accrued paid time off that you are eligible to take during the otherwise unpaid bereavement leave.

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

### Notice

If your need for leave is foreseeable, provide as much advance notice as possible. If unforeseeable, provide notice as soon as practical.

You may be required to provide reasonable documentation of your need for leave. This may include a death certificate, a published obituary, or written verification of death, burial, or memorial services from a mortuary, funeral home, burial society, crematorium, religious institution, or government agency. This documentation must be provided within 30 days of your first day of leave.

All information received by the Company regarding your request for bereavement leave will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed except to internal personnel or counsel, as necessary, or as required by law.

### Retaliation

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

## **Bone Marrow and Organ Donation Leave**

Flashbay 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.

Before taking paid leave under this policy, you must first use two weeks of accrued sick or vacation time when donating an organ, or five days accrued sick or vacation time when donating bone marrow.

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.

## **California Family Rights Act (CFRA) Leave**

Flashbay 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 for at least 1,250 hours during the 12-month period immediately before the leave is to start.

### Reasons for Leave

You may take CFRA leave for the following reasons:

- The birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child.
- 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).

As used in this policy:

- **Family member** means your child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, sibling, spouse, domestic partner, or designated person.
- **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.
- **Designated person** means any person related to you by blood or whose association to you is the equivalent of a family relationship.
- **Parent** means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent; a parent-in-law; a stepparent; a legal guardian; or another 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.

You may identify your designated person at the time you request CFRA leave. You will be limited to making this designation once per 12-month period for purposes of CFRA leave.

### 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 calendar year, any fixed consecutive 12-month period, the 12-month period measured forward from the day CFRA leave began, or a rolling 12-month period that is measured backward from the date any CFRA leave is used

You may elect to use any accrued vacation time or other accrued paid 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.

### 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 own or the Company's health care provider.

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

- The date when the serious health condition began.
- The probable duration of the condition.
- A statement that, due to the serious health condition, you are unable to perform the function of your position.

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

- The date when the serious health condition began.
- The probable duration of the condition.
- An estimate of the amount of time that the health care provider believes you are needed to care for the family member.
- 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.

### 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.

### Benefits

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.

### Retaliation

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

## **Civil Air Patrol Leave**

Flashbay Inc. will provide eligible employees with at least 10 days of unpaid Civil Air Patrol leave per calendar year to respond to an emergency operational mission of the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for Civil Air Patrol leave, you must:

- Be employed by the Company for at least 90 days before beginning leave; and
- Be a volunteer member of the California Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

### Use of Leave

Civil Air Patrol leave for a single emergency operation may not exceed three days, unless an extension of time is granted by the governmental entity that authorized the emergency operational mission, and the extension of the leave is approved by the Company.

You will not be required to exhaust any paid leave in order to take Civil Air Patrol leave.

### Notice

If eligible, you must provide as much notice as possible of the intended dates leave will begin and end.

The Company is not required to grant Civil Air Patrol leave to you if you are required to respond to either the same or other simultaneous emergency operational mission as a first responder or disaster service worker for a local, state, or federal agency.

### Certification

The Company may require certification from the proper Civil Air Patrol authority verifying your eligibility for the leave requested or taken. The Company may deny the leave if you fail to provide the required certification.

### Restoration

Upon return from leave, you will be restored to your previous position or a position with equivalent seniority status, employee benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment.

### Retaliation

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

## **Crime Victim Leave**

Flashbay 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.

## **Disability Insurance**

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](http://www.edd.ca.gov)).

Flashbay Inc. will be notified that you have submitted a disability insurance claim.

## **Jury Duty Leave**

Flashbay Inc. encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 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.

## **Leave for Victims of Crime or Abuse**

Flashbay Inc. provides employees who are victims of crime or abuse with unpaid leave to:

- Seek medical attention for injuries caused by the crime or abuse.
- Obtain services from a domestic violence shelter or program, rape crisis center, or victim services organization or agency as a result of the crime or abuse.
- Obtain psychological counseling or mental health services related to the experience of crime or abuse.
- Participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future crime or abuse, including temporary or permanent relocation.

**Victim** includes:

- A victim of stalking, domestic violence, or sexual assault.
- A victim of a crime that caused physical injury or that caused 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.
- 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.
- You, 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/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 must provide reasonable advance notice of your intention 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;
- Documentation from a licensed medical professional, domestic violence counselor, sexual assault counselor, licensed health care provider, or counselor stating that you were undergoing treatment for physical or mental injuries or abuse resulting from the crime or abuse; or
- Any other form of documentation that reasonably verifies that the crime or abuse occurred, including but not limited to a written statement signed by you, or an individual acting on your behalf, certifying that the absence is for an authorized purpose.

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.

Leave under this policy will run concurrently with other types of leave where permitted under applicable law.

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

The Company will not retaliate against a victim of crime or abuse for requesting or taking leave in accordance with this policy.

## **Military Spouse Leave**

Flashbay Inc. provides up to 10 days of job-protected, unpaid leave to employees who are the spouse or registered domestic partner of a military member who is home on leave during a period of military deployment.

To be eligible for military spouse leave you must:

- Work an average of 20 or more hours per week; and
- Be the spouse or registered domestic partner of a member of the Armed Forces, National Guard, or Reserves who is on leave from deployment during a period of military conflict.



Notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) of your need for leave within two business days from the day you receive official notice that your spouse or registered domestic partner will be on leave from deployment. You must also provide written documentation certifying that your spouse or registered domestic partner will be on leave from deployment during the time you are requesting leave.

You may elect to use any available paid time off for which you are eligible under Company policy for the purpose of taking military spouse leave, and such paid time off will run concurrently with the leave afforded under this policy.

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

## **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.

## **Paid Sick and Safe Leave (Frontloading Method)**

Flashbay Inc. provides paid sick and safe leave to all eligible employees in accordance with California's Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act.

### Eligibility

Upon hire full time employees were are entitled to receive five days or forty (40) hours of paid sick and safe leave.

### Reasons for Leave

Sick and safe 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.
- If you are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to:
  - Seek legal or equitable relief to help ensure the health, safety, and welfare of you or your child (e.g., a restraining order).
  - Seek medical attention caused by domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault.
  - Obtain services from a domestic violence shelter, domestic violence program, rape crisis center, or victim services organization or agency.
  - Obtain psychological counseling (including mental health services).

- Participate in safety planning and take other actions to increase safety from future domestic violence, assault, or stalking, including temporary or permanent relocation.

**Family member** means:

- Your children (including biological, adopted, or foster children; stepchildren; legal wards; children of a domestic partner; or children to whom you stand in loco parentis).
- Your spouse or registered domestic partner.
- Your parents or your spouse's or registered domestic partner's parents (including biological, adoptive, and foster parents; stepparents; 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.
- A person designated by you at the time you request paid sick and safe leave. *You will be limited to making this designation once per 12-month period for purposes of paid sick and safe leave.*

#### Amount of Leave and Usage

Eligible employees are provided with 40 hours of paid sick and safe leave at the beginning of each leave year. For the purposes of this policy, the leave year is based on the calendar year.

Any unused sick and safe 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 and safe leave per leave year.

#### Compensation

If you are nonexempt, you will be compensated for paid sick and safe leave at your regular rate of pay. If you are exempt, you will be compensated for paid sick and safe leave in the same manner as the Company calculates wages for other forms of paid leave time.

#### Notice

If your need for leave is foreseeable, you must provide reasonable advance notice. 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 and safe leave when your employment ends.

#### Reinstatement of Leave upon Rehire

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

#### Interaction with Other Leave

Sick and safe leave will run concurrently with other types of leave when permitted under applicable law.

#### Retaliation

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

## **Pregnancy Disability Leave**

If you are disabled by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, Flashbay 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.

### 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) about your eligibility for these leaves.

### Notice and Leave Request Process

#### 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.

#### 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 Human Resources and return the completed form to Human Resources. If the need for leave is unforeseeable and you will be absent more than three days, contact Human Resources 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.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Retaliation

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

## **Reproductive Loss Leave**

Flashbay Inc. will provide eligible employees up to five days of unpaid reproductive loss leave in accordance with the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for reproductive loss leave, you must:

- Be employed by the Company for at least 30 days prior to the start of leave.
- Experience a qualifying reproductive loss event.

**Reproductive loss event** means the day or, for a multiple-day event, the final day of a failed adoption, failed surrogacy, miscarriage, stillbirth, or an unsuccessful assisted reproduction.

### Reasons for Leave

Reproductive loss events include:

- A **failed adoption**, which means the dissolution or breach of an adoption agreement with the birth mother or legal guardian, or an adoption that is not finalized because it is contested by another party. To be a qualifying event, you must be a person who would have been a parent of the adoptee if the adoption had been completed.
- A **failed surrogacy**, which means the dissolution or breach of a surrogacy agreement, or a failed embryo transfer to the surrogate. To be a qualifying event, you must be a person who would have been a parent of a child born as a result of the surrogacy.
- A **miscarriage**. To be a qualifying event, the miscarriage must have been experienced by you, your current spouse or domestic partner, or another individual that would have made you a parent to the child.
- A **stillbirth**. To be a qualifying event, the stillbirth must result from your pregnancy, the pregnancy of your current spouse or domestic partner, or another individual that would have made you a parent to the child.
- An **unsuccessful assisted reproduction**, which means an unsuccessful round of intrauterine insemination or of an assisted reproductive technology procedure. To be a qualifying event, the unsuccessful assisted reproduction event must have been experienced by you, your current spouse or domestic partner, or another individual that would have made you a parent to the child.

### Use of Leave

Eligible employees will be provided up to five days of unpaid leave for a reproductive loss event. The five days of leave do not have to be taken consecutively.

Leave must be completed within three months of the event entitling you to leave. If you experience more than one reproductive loss event within a 12-month period, the maximum amount of reproductive loss leave you can take in a 12-month period is 20 days.

You may elect to use any accrued vacation time or other accrued paid time off that you are eligible to take during the otherwise unpaid reproductive loss leave.

Reproductive loss leave will run concurrently with any other leave entitlement when permissible under applicable law.

#### Notice

Provide notice of your need for reproductive loss leave as soon as practical.

All information received by the Company regarding your request for reproductive loss leave will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed except to internal personnel or counsel, as necessary, or as required by law.

#### Retaliation

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

### **School Disciplinary Leave**

Flashbay Inc. will provide eligible employees with unpaid leave, where permitted by law, to appear at their child's school if the child has been suspended and, for reasons specified in the California Education Code, they have been requested to attend a portion of a school day in the classroom of their child or ward.

#### Eligibility

All employees who are the parent or guardian of a student are eligible for school disciplinary leave.

#### Notice

You must provide documentation from the school of your need to take school disciplinary leave.

#### Retaliation

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

### **School and Childcare Activities Leave**

Flashbay Inc. will provide employees, who have one or more children that are of the age to attend a licensed childcare provider, kindergarten, or grades 1 through 12, with up to 40 hours of leave per year to participate in the following:

- Finding, enrolling, or re-enrolling the child in a school or with a licensed childcare provider;
- Participating in school or childcare-related activities; or
- Addressing a childcare provider or school emergency.

Leave is limited to eight hours in any calendar month.

To be eligible for leave, you must be a parent, guardian, step-parent, foster parent, grandparent, or a person who stands in the place of a parent (in loco parentis) to a child.

If you wish to take leave to enroll a child in school or with a childcare provider or to participate in a school or childcare-related activity, you must provide reasonable advance notice to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com). If you need to take leave to address a childcare provider or school emergency, you must provide notice to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) as soon as practicable. You may be required to provide documentation from the school or childcare provider verifying that you participated in the school or childcare activity.

If both parents of a child work for the Company, only one parent — the first to provide notice — may take the time off, unless the Company approves both parents taking time off simultaneously.

You are required to use accrued vacation time for this leave (not sick leave). If you do not have any paid leave available, the leave can be unpaid.

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, Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com), consistent with applicable legal requirements.

Reach out to human resources at least two working days prior to Election Day if time off for voting is required. No more than two hours of the time taken off for voting will be without loss of pay. The time off for voting may be only at the beginning or end of the regular working shift, whichever allows the most free time for voting and the least time off from the regular working shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

## **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 Flashbay Inc. reasonable advance notice.

## **Safety and Loss Prevention**

### **Heat Illness Prevention**

Flashbay 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.

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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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.

## **Trade Secrets and Inventions**

### **Inventions**

As necessary, employees will receive a separate notification outlining the ownership of any inventions created by them.



# Ohio Policies

## Hiring and Orientation Policies

### EEO Statement and Non-harassment Policy

#### Equal Opportunity Statement

Flashbay 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 the following protected classes: 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) or any other designated member of management.

#### Policy Against Workplace Harassment

Flashbay 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 membership in a protected class. 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:

- Unwelcome requests for sexual favors;
- Lewd or derogatory comments or jokes;
- Comments regarding sexual behavior or another person's body;
- 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.

### 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 membership in a protected class.

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, or elsewhere on our premises, in emails or voicemails, 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 your Supervisor 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.

## **Wage and Hour Policies**

### **Accommodations for Nursing Mothers**

Flashbay Inc. will provide nursing mothers reasonable break time to express milk for their infant child 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 coworkers and the public.

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

Break time should, if possible, be taken concurrently with any other break time already provided. If you are nonexempt, please attempt to any time taken that does not run concurrently with normally scheduled rest periods. Break time may be unpaid where permissible by applicable law.

You must make reasonable efforts to not disrupt Company operations.

You are encouraged to discuss the length and frequency of these breaks with your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

The Company will not discriminate or retaliate against employees who express breast milk in the workplace in accordance with this policy.

The Company is not required to provide the above benefits if doing so would impose an undue hardship on the Company.

## **Meal and Rest Periods**

Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) know; in addition, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

At certain times Flashbay 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**

All employees are paid semi-monthly on the 15th and 30th. Paychecks received on the 15th will be for time worked from the 26th through the 10th. Paychecks received on the 30th will be for time worked from the 11th through the 25th.

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

Our workweek is Sunday through Saturday. During weeks in which the regular payday falls on a holiday, all paychecks will be issued to you on the last regular workday preceding (or the first regular workday following) the holiday. Should we decide to change the payday schedule, you will be given no less than seven calendar days' advance notice of the change.

Review your paycheck for accuracy and report any concerns to your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) immediately; any corrections will be noted and will appear on the following check. If you wish to have someone else pick up your paycheck, you must give a written authorization to payroll each time.

## **Travel Time Pay**

Some nonexempt positions within Flashbay Inc. require travel. The Company pays nonexempt employees for travel time in accordance with federal and state law.

### 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.

### 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.

## **General Policies**

### **Access to Personnel and Medical Records Files**

Flashbay 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 Human Resources, which is the only department authorized to give out such information.

## **Benefits**

### **Crime Victim and Witness Leave**

Flashbay Inc. realizes that, on occasion, you may have an obligation to participate in criminal legal proceedings either as a witness or because you, or a close family member, was victimized by a criminal act. The Company provides unpaid leave to attend those proceedings under circumstances described below.

If you are required to attend a criminal proceeding, including a grand jury or juvenile proceeding, either as a witness or as a crime victim (or a close family member or representative of a crime victim), inform your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) as soon as possible to make arrangements for a leave of absence. This includes instances when you have been requested by the prosecutor to participate in the preparation of the criminal case against the suspect.

The Company may require you to provide proof of your need to attend the proceedings to the extent authorized by law.

Leave under this policy will be unpaid unless otherwise required by applicable law. You may opt to use available vacation in place of unpaid leave.

Any information related to your leave will be kept confidential by the Company to the extent possible.

This policy does not apply to employees seeking leave because they have committed, or are alleged to have committed, an offense against the Company or an offense involving them during the course of their employment.

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

### **Election Official Leave**

Flashbay Inc. will provide employees who are precinct election officials with unpaid leave for registration and/or Election Day to perform the duties of their position.

Provide as much notice as possible of your need for leave.

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

### **Emergency Services Leave**

If you are a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer provider of emergency medical services, Flashbay Inc. will not discharge, discriminate, or take any other disciplinary action against you for failing to report to work on time or for being absent from work because you were responding to an emergency. Work time missed for responding to an emergency will be unpaid.

You must notify the Company of your status as a current volunteer firefighter or volunteer provider of emergency medical services, including when your status as such is terminated.

If you intend to become a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer provider of medical services, you must provide written notification to the Company of your status as a volunteer no later than 30 days after receiving your certification. This notification must be signed by:

- The chief of the volunteer fire department with which you serve; or
- The medical director or chief administrator of the cooperating physician advisory board of the emergency medical organization with which you serve.

If you are going to be late or absent from work because you have responded to an emergency, you must make every effort to notify the Company. If you are unable to notify the Company due to the extreme circumstances of the emergency or your inability to contact the Company, you must provide a written statement from the applicable director or chief explaining why prior notice was not given.

The Company may also request you provide a written statement from the applicable director or chief verifying the date and time you responded to the emergency.

### **Jury Duty Leave**

Flashbay Inc. encourages employees to fulfill their civic duties related to jury duty. If you are summoned for jury duty, notify your [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com) 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 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, Flashbay 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 [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com), consistent with applicable legal requirements.

Reach out to human resources at least two working days prior to Election Day if time off for voting is required. No more than two hours of the time taken off for voting will be without loss of pay. The time off for voting may be only at the beginning or end of the regular working shift, whichever allows the most free time for voting and the least time off from the regular working shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

## **Closing Statement**

Thank you for reading our handbook. We hope it has provided you with an understanding of our mission, history, and structure as well as our current policies and guidelines. We look forward to working with you to create a successful Company and a safe, productive, and pleasant workplace.

Steve Webster, CEO

Flashbay Inc.

## Acknowledgment of Receipt and Review

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Flashbay Inc. Employee Handbook (handbook) and that I have read it, understand it, and agree to comply with it. I understand that the Company has the maximum discretion permitted by law to interpret, administer, change, modify, or delete the rules, regulations, procedures, and benefits contained in the handbook at any time with or without notice. No statement or representation by a supervisor, manager, or any other employee, whether oral or written, can supplement or modify this handbook. Changes can only be made if approved in writing by the Human Resource Department of the Company. I also understand that any delay or failure by the Company to enforce any rule, regulation, or procedure contained in the handbook does not constitute a waiver on behalf of the Company or affect the right of the Company to enforce such rule, regulation, or procedure in the future.

I understand that 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. I further understand that, unless I have a written employment agreement signed by an authorized Company representative, I am employed "at-will" (to the extent permitted by law) and this handbook does not modify my "at-will" employment status.

If I am covered by a written employment agreement (signed by an authorized Company representative) or a collective bargaining agreement that conflicts with the terms of this handbook, I understand that the terms of the employment agreement or collective bargaining agreement will control.

This handbook is not intended to preclude or dissuade employees from engaging in legally protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). This handbook is not intended to violate any local, state, or federal law. No provision or policy applies or will be enforced if it conflicts with or is superseded by any requirement or prohibition contained in federal, state, or local law, or regulation. Furthermore, nothing in this handbook prohibits an employee from reporting concerns to, filing a charge or complaint with, making lawful disclosures to, providing documents or other information to, or participating in an investigation or hearing conducted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), or any other federal, state, or local agency charged with the enforcement of any laws.

This handbook supersedes any previous handbook or policy statements, whether written or oral, issued by Flashbay Inc..

If I have any questions about the content or interpretation of this handbook, I will contact [hr.us@flashbay.com](mailto:hr.us@flashbay.com).

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Signature

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Date

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Print Name