3-01/121.25 - Policy of Equality - Third-Person Harassment

Third person harassment is indirect harassment of a bystander, even if the person engaging in the conduct is unaware of the presence of the bystander. When an individual engages in potentially harassing behavior, they assumes the risk that someone may pass by or otherwise witness the behavior. The Department considers this to be the same as directing the harassment toward that individual.

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