# **ANTI-BRIBERY & CORRUPTION**

## **POLICY**



This document sets out the company's rules in relation to anti-bribery and corruption matters.

Compliance with the Company's policy in relation to bribery and corruption is regarded as part of your contract of employment. If you fail for any reason to follow the rules set out in this document this may result in disciplinary action being taken against you which could result in your dismissal.

Bribery is the offer or receipt of any gift, loan, payment, reward, or other advantage to or from any person as an encouragement to do something which is dishonest, illegal or a breach of trust, in the conduct of the Company's business.

#### Corruption is the misuse of entrusted power for private gain.

To place this in context, you should be aware that if you engage in activities which are contrary to UK anti-bribery and corruption legislation, you could face up to 10 years in prison and/or an unlimited fine, and the Company could also be liable to an unlimited fine and Government sanction.

This policy document is not regarded as exhaustive, but does give specific examples of situations and sets out the rules and procedures and which should be followed.

If you are at any time uncertain as to whether your actions will comply with this policy, you must seek guidance from the Company Directors.

You should at all times act in accordance with the following provisions:

- behave honestly, be trustworthy and set a good example;
- use the resources of the Company in the best interests of the Company and do not misuse those resources;
- make a clear distinction between the interests of the Company and your private interests to avoid any conflict of interest, and if such conflict does arise you should report it to the Company Directors immediately;
- ensure that any community support, sponsorship, and charitable donations do not constitute bribery, and if in doubt you should consult the Company Directors;
- confidentially report all incidents, risks and issues which are contrary to this policy document to the Company Directors;
- raise any issues regarding anti-bribery and corruption laws and the Company's policies.
  Queries will be dealt with anonymously and a written response will be issued;
- Do not offer or accept bribes.
- Do not, without express prior written approval from the Company, offer or accept any gifts or hospitality to or from clients, contractors, suppliers, other third parties or public officials.

*Gifts* are presents such as books, vouchers, food and drink.

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*Hospitality* includes invitations to hosted meals, receptions, and events for business purposes.

- Do not offer money to any public officials, client's representatives such as warehouse operatives, fork lift drivers, in order to speed up service or gain improper advantage. This type of bribery is a 'facilitation payment' and is illegal. If you are faced with a demand for a facilitation payment you must:
- 1. Actively resist the payment;
- 2. Inform the Company Directors.

The UK anti-bribery and corruption legislation applies to all activities of a UK-based business no matter where they are carried out. This policy therefore applies to ALL activities of The Signage & Display Company Ltd, whatever the local law, practice or custom may be.

By complying with this policy document, we aim to ensure that you and the Company will not at any time knowingly breach any relevant anti-bribery and corruption legislation and also that by adhering to the Policy the Company can demonstrate that it has adequate procedures in place to prevent such activity.

You have an independent obligation to prevent bribery and corruption in the Company and to ensure that any interaction with public officials and clients representatives complies with this policy document and relevant laws.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Mack Kevin Newton

Joint Managing Director Joint Managing Director Date: 03/01/2025

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