

Ethical AI in HR: A Practical Framework

A one-page snapshot for modern HR leaders



DEFINE PURPOSE & BOUNDARIES

Intent: Clearly articulate why AI is being introduced (e.g., streamline hiring)

Boundaries: Set transparent limits, what will AI do, and what remains human-led?

Stakeholder Input: Involve employees and leaders early to align on goals and concerns.

MITIGATE BIAS & PROMOTE EQUITY

Bias Checks: Regularly audit AI tools for bias, don't assume "neutrality."

Inclusive Data: Use diverse, representative datasets to train and test Al.

Accessible Design: Ensure AI systems are usable and understandable for all employees.





MAKE AI UNDERSTANDABLE

Explainability: Offer clear, plain-language explanations for Al-driven decisions.

Disclosure: Inform employees when and how AI is used in HR processes.

Feedback Loops: Create channels for questions, feedback, and concerns about Al.

ASSIGN OWNERSHIP & OVERSIGHT

Human Oversight: Keep people in the loop. Final decisions should remain human, not algorithmic.

Clear Roles: Assign responsibility for monitoring Al performance and ethics.

Continuous Review: Schedule regular reviews to assess impact and adapt as needed.





UPHOLD LEGAL & ETHICAL STANDARDS

Regulatory Awareness: Stay current with evolving laws and guidelines (e.g., data privacy, anti-discrimination)

Data Stewardship: Protect employee data with secure, ethical handling.

Ethical Partnerships: Vet vendors for their own AI ethics and compliance.