The five Ds of bystander intervention

when witnessing unwanted sexual harassment







Direct

Assess your safety first. Speak up about the harassment. Be firm and clear.

Distract

Interrupt or start a conversation to deescalate the situation, e.g. ask "Can I help you?" "Do you have an appointment?"

Delegate

Get help from someone else such as a manager or another colleague.





Document

It can be helpful for the victim to have detailed notes of the incident in case they want to report it later on.

Delay

After the incident is over, check in with the person who was harassed. Ask "what do you need?" "how can I help?"

