

# MICROAGGRESSIONS TOWARD IMMIGRANTS

## WHAT ARE THEY?

Subtle, everyday actions and words, intentional or not, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative slights and insults toward members of a minority group, such as immigrants.

## MICROAGGRESSIONS TOWARD IMMIGRANTS CAN BE:

- **Verbal**
  - e.g., "People in Canada care about hygiene"
  - **Implication:** "Immigrants don't care about hygiene and are unhygienic."
- **Behavioural**
  - e.g., A waiter ignores a racialized immigrant and instead serves a White person first
  - **Implication:** "White people are more important than racialized people."
- **Environmental**
  - e.g., A school celebrates Christian holidays but not holidays of other religions
  - **Implication:** "We are a Christian school and only Christian holidays matter."



**MICROAGGRESSIONS  
ARE A FORM OF  
DISCRIMINATION**

## WHERE DO MICROAGGRESSIONS TAKE PLACE?

Anywhere and  
everywhere:  
Microaggressions  
occur every day

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

