

Code of Ethics

POLICY

This code sets forth the code of ethics and professional standards to be observed by anyone holding status with Board of Certified Safety Professionals (applicant, candidate or credential holder). Those holding status with the Board of Certified Safety Professionals shall, in their professional activities, sustain and advance the integrity, honor, and prestige of the profession by adhering to these standards.

STANDARDS

- 1. HOLD** paramount the safety and health of people, the protection of the environment and of property in the performance of professional duties and exercise their obligation to advise employers, clients, employees, the public, and appropriate authorities of danger and unacceptable risks to people, the environment, or property.
- 2. BE** honest, fair, and impartial; act with responsibility and integrity. Adhere to high standards of ethical conduct with balanced care for the interests of the public, employers, clients, employees, colleagues and the profession. Avoid all conduct or practice that is likely to discredit the profession or deceive the public.
- 3. ISSUE** public statements only in an objective and truthful manner and only when founded upon knowledge of the facts and competence in the subject matter.
- 4. UNDERTAKE** assignments only when qualified by education or experience in the specific field(s) involved. Accept responsibility for continued professional development by acquiring and maintaining competence through continuing education, experience, and professional training, and keeping current on relevant legal issues.
- 5. REPRESENT** academic and professional qualifications accurately. Represent degree of responsibility in or for the subject matter in prior assignments accurately. Represent pertinent facts accurately when presenting qualifications, experience, or other information for solicitation of employment including facts about employers, employees, associates, or past accomplishments.
- 6. CONDUCT** their professional relations by the highest standards of integrity and avoid compromise of their professional judgment by conflicts of interest. When becoming aware of professional misconduct by another holding status with the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, take steps to bring that misconduct to the attention of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.
- 7. ACT** in a manner free of bias, discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status or any characteristic protected by the law of the applicable jurisdiction.
- 8. SEEK** opportunities to be of constructive service in civic affairs and work for the advancement of the safety, health and well-being of their community and their profession by sharing their knowledge and skills.

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