

IRPA Code of Ethics

These principles are intended to aid members of IRPA Associate Societies in maintaining a professional level of ethical conduct related to radiation protection. They are to be regarded as guidelines. Members of Societies may use them to determine the propriety of their conduct in all relationships in which they are exercising their professional expertise. Associate Societies are encouraged to adopt or incorporate them as appropriate. If there is reason to believe that a member has breached this Code of Ethics, the Society to which the member belongs is expected to investigate and take appropriate measures.

1. Members shall exercise their professional skill and judgement to the best of their ability and carry out their responsibilities with integrity.
2. Members shall not allow conflict of interest, management pressures or possible self-interest to compromise their professional judgement and advice. In particular members shall not compromise public welfare and safety in favour of an employer's interest.
3. Members shall not undertake any employment or consultation that is contrary to the public welfare or to the law.
4. Members shall protect the confidentiality of information obtained during the course of their professional duties, provided that such protection is not in itself unethical or illegal.
5. Members shall ensure that relations with interested parties, other professionals and the general public are based on, and reflect, the highest standards of integrity, professionalism and fairness.
6. Members should satisfy themselves as to the extent and content of the professional functions required in any particular circumstances, especially those involving the public safety. Members should not undertake professional obligations that they are not qualified, or do not believe themselves to be competent, to carry out.
7. Members should take all reasonable steps to ensure that persons carrying out work done under their supervision or direction are competent, and not under undue pressure from workload or other causes.
8. Members should strive to improve their own professional knowledge, skill and competence.
9. Professional reports, statements, publications or advice produced by members should be based on sound radiation protection principles and science, be accurate to the best of their knowledge and be appropriately attributed.
10. Members should, whenever practicable and appropriate, correct misleading, sensational and unwarranted statements by others concerning radiation and radiation protection.
11. Members should take advantage of opportunities to increase public understanding of radiation protection and of the aims and objectives of IRPA and their own Society.