



CODE OF ETHICS

Ethics are rules of conduct based on honesty, justice and courtesy. They are central to appropriate standards of professional behaviour. Members of the Institution of Surveyors NSW Inc. must comply with the following nine components that constitute the Code of Ethics.

1. Members' responsibility for the welfare and rights of the community shall always come before their responsibility to sectional or private interests or to other surveyors.
2. A Member shall act to merit community trust and promote the standards, the honour and the dignity of the profession.
3. Members shall act with fairness, honesty and in good faith towards all in the community, including clients, employers, and colleagues, and encourage their subordinates to do likewise.
4. Members shall only undertake professional responsibilities within their competence and shall encourage and develop risk-averse professional practices.
5. Members shall continue their structured professional development throughout their career and encourage their subordinates to do likewise.
6. Members shall apply their competencies in the interest of their employer or client by:
 - acting as faithful agents or advisers, without compromising the welfare and rights of the community
 - complying with relevant legislation and regulation.
7. Members shall express opinions, make statements or give evidence with fairness and honesty and on the basis of adequate knowledge.
8. Where a Member has any material, pecuniary or other interest that would lead to a reasonable apprehension that the Member may be biased in the conduct of an aspect of their professional role, they
 - (a) must disclose the facts and circumstances to the President of IS NSW as soon as possible, and
 - (b) must not participate in the conduct of that aspect unless the President of IS NSW provides advice that he is satisfied that in all the circumstances, it is appropriate that the Member should continue in the given aspect of their professional role.
9. Members shall take reasonable steps to inform themselves, their clients and employers, and the community of the social and environmental consequences of the projects in which they are involved.