



Kansas Association of Real Estate Inspectors

Code of Ethics

Honesty, Justice, and Courtesy form a moral philosophy that, associated with mutual interest among people, constitutes the foundation of ethics. It is paramount that the members of this association recognize such a standard, not just in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding their conduct. As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, it is the member's responsibility to practice their profession according to this *Code of Ethics*. The following minimum standards provide the guidelines by which all members, as a basic philosophy, should govern their business.

1. Members shall act fairly & impartially to all, discharging their duties in good faith, and with fidelity to their clients. Members should avoid all apparent conflicts of interest.
2. Members shall express an opinion only when it is based upon education, practical experience, or honest conviction.
3. Members shall not disclose any information concerning the results of the inspection without the approval of the client, or their authorized representative.
4. Members shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service, without full disclosure and consent of all interested parties.
5. Members shall not accept, nor offer compensation or allowances, directly or indirectly, from or to other parties dealing with their client, in connection with work for which the member is responsible. Members will not pay referral fees, or pay for inclusion on lists of recommended providers.
6. Members shall promptly disclose any interest in a business, which may adversely affect the client. Members will not allow a business interest, financial or otherwise, to affect the quality or results of their work. The inspection may not be used as a vehicle, by the inspector, to obtain work outside of the fields of inspecting & testing; or for service providers, work in another area beyond their expertise.
7. Members shall uphold, maintain, and improve the professional integrity, reputation, and practice of the home inspection industry. They should avoid association with any enterprise of questionable character. Members agree to abide by the association bylaws, and shall report all material violations of this *Code of Ethics* to the Association, for possible remedial action.