



## **Preamble**

*The members of the National Fire Sprinkler Association recognize that their work has a direct, as well as indirect, impact on the quality of life for all humanity. Accordingly, the services provided by NFSA members require honesty, impartiality, fairness and equity, and must be dedicated to the preservation of life and property and the further enhancement of the public safety, health and welfare. In practice of their profession, members of the National Fire Sprinkler Association must maintain and constantly improve their competence and perform under a standard of professional behavior which requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct with balanced regard for the interests of the public, clients, employees, colleagues and the greater fire protection community they serve. Members of the National Fire Sprinkler Association are expected to act in accordance with the provisions of this code of ethics and all applicable laws, and actively encourage others to do the same.*

## **The Code**

### **Fundamental Principles**

National Fire Sprinkler Association members uphold and advance the honor and integrity of their profession by:

- Using their knowledge and skill for enhancement of human welfare;
- Being honest and impartial, and serving with faithfulness the public, their employees, and clients;
- Striving to increase the competence and prestige of their profession.

### **Knowledge and Skill**

- Members of the National Fire Sprinkler Association shall be dedicated to the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of their profession. If NFSA members become knowledgeable of unsafe conditions that threaten the present or future safety, health or welfare of the public, then they shall so advise their employers or clients. Should knowledge of such conditions not be properly acted upon, the NFSA members should notify the appropriate authority having jurisdiction.
- Members of the National Fire Sprinkler Association shall be encouraged to contribute their services for the advancement of the safety, health and welfare of the community

and to support those causes as an enhancement to the safety of life and the preservation of property.

### **Honesty and Impartiality**

- Members of the National Fire Sprinkler Association shall perform their professional services only in the areas of their competence, and after full disclosure of their pertinent qualifications.
- NFSA members shall be honest and truthful in presenting data and estimates, professional opinions and conclusions, and in their public statements dealing with professional matters, and shall not engage in improper solicitation of professional employment or contracts.
- NFSA members shall act in a professional manner at all times for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees and shall not disclose matters of confidentiality concerning the business affairs or technical processes of any present or former client or employer without consent.
- NFSA members decisions shall be made and actions taken without bias because of race, religion, sex, age, national origin or physical handicaps.
- NFSA members shall make prior disclosure to all interested parties of all known or potential conflicts of interest or other circumstances which could influence or appear to influence their judgement or the quality of their work.

### **Competence and Prestige**

- NFSA members shall perform their work/services and associate with others only in such manner as to uphold and enhance the honor and integrity of their profession.
- NFSA members shall continue their professional enhancement throughout their careers and shall provide opportunities for the professional development of those individuals under their supervision.
- NFSA members shall accept the responsibility for their actions, accept and offer honest criticism of their work, properly credit the contribution of others, and shall not accept credit for the work of others.
- NFSA members shall strive to advance the knowledge and skills of their Profession, and to make these advancements available to colleagues, clients and the public.