

BSSO®

Building Science Specialist Ontario

CODE OF ETHICS

It is the duty of the practitioner to the public, to the practitioner's employer, to the practitioner's clients, to the other members of the practitioner's profession, and to the Act to behave at all times with:

- Fairness and loyalty to the practitioner's associates, employers, clients, subordinates, and employees;
- Fidelity to public needs;
- Devotion to high ideals of personal honour and Integrity;
- Knowledge of developments in the areas of building science relevant to any services that are undertaken;
- Competence in the performance of any services that are undertaken.

A practitioner shall:

- Regard the practitioner's duty to public welfare as paramount;
- Endeavor at all times to enhance the public regard for the practitioner's profession by extending the public knowledge thereof and discouraging untrue, unfair or exaggerated statements;
- Not express publicly, or while the practitioner is serving as a witness in court, commission or other tribunal, opinions on matters that are not founded on adequate knowledge and honest conviction;
- Endeavor to keep the practitioner's license, temporary license, limited license or certificate of authorization, as the case may be, permanently displayed in the practitioner's place of business.

A practitioner shall act in matters for each employer or client as a faithful agent or trustee, and shall regard as confidential information obtained by the practitioner as to the business affairs, technical methods or processes of an employer or client and avoid or disclose a conflict of interest that might influence or be perceived to influence, the practitioner's actions or judgment.

A practitioner must disclose immediately to the practitioner's client any interest, direct or indirect, that might be construed as prejudicial in any way to the judgment of the practitioner in rendering service to the client.

A practitioner who is an employee and is contracting in the practitioner's own name to perform work for other than the practitioner's employer, must provide the practitioner's client with a written statement of the nature of the practitioner's status as an employee and the attendant limitations on the practitioner's services to the client, must satisfy the practitioner's employer, and must inform the practitioner's employer of the work.

A practitioner must co-operate in working with other persons engaged on a project.

A practitioner shall:

- Act towards other practitioner's with courtesy and good faith;
- Not accept an engagement to review the work of another practitioner for the same employer except with the knowledge of the other practitioner or unless the connection of the other practitioner with the work has been terminated;
- Not attempt to gain an advantage over other practitioners by paying or accepting a commission in securing work;
- Give proper credit for work, uphold the principle of adequate compensation for work, provide opportunity for development and advancement of the practitioners associates and subordinates, and extend the effectiveness of the profession through the interchange of information and experience.

A practitioner shall maintain the honour and integrity of the practitioner's profession and without fear or favour expose before the proper tribunals unprofessional, dishonest or unethical conduct by any other practitioner.



2175 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite #310, Toronto, ON M2J 1W8
Tel: (416) 491-2886 Fax: (416) 491-1670 Web: www.obec.on.ca