

Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists



CODE OF ETHICS

PURPOSE

This code provides standards of ethical conduct to be followed by Health and Safety Technologists and Technicians (including Occupational Health and Safety Technologists and Construction Health and Safety Technicians) as they assist in the protection of worker health and safety, improve the work environment and advance the quality of the profession.

PRINCIPLES

Certificants shall in their professional activities, sustain and advance the integrity and honor of their certification by:

- Using their knowledge and skill for the enhancement of the safety and health of employees, employers and the general public, as well as the environment and property.
- Being honest and impartial and serving the public, employees, employers and clients with fidelity.
- Striving to increase their own competence and integrity and honor of the profession.
- Avoiding circumstances where compromise of professional conduct or conflict of interest may arise.
- Representing their profession and certification in an honest forthright manner.

STANDARDS

Certificants shall:

- Hold paramount the safety and health of people and the protection of property and the environment in performance of professional duties and exercise their obligation to advise employers, clients, or appropriate authorities of hazards to people, property or the environment.
- Perform professional services and assignments only in areas of their competence.
- Issue objective and truthful statements to employers, clients or appropriate authorities.
- Act in professional matters for employers or clients as faithful agents.
- Build their professional reputation on sound scientific principles and on the integrity and value of their work.
- Strive for continuous self-improvement while practicing as a professional health and safety technologist or technician.

