

Code of Professional Ethics & Conduct

Communications

A Certified Forensic Investigator/Technician shall always base their findings and conclusions upon supporting documentation and factual information in order to render an objective and balanced opinion. They shall not issue, sign or associate themselves with any communication which they know, or should have known, is false or misleading. A member will disclose, in reports, any material fact or information, the omission of which could render the report misleading. A member shall promptly disclose to their employer or client, upon their being made aware, any relevant and material information, upon which a member had previously issued a communication providing it is prudent to do so.

Conduct

A Certified Forensic Investigator/Technician shall always exercise due care and integrity in the performance of their work and be dedicated to their clients or employers. A member should display objectivity and fairness when dealing with employees and exercise loyalty to the Association in a manner deserving of a professional. Members will always strive to safeguard the interests of the general public and will not lend their name or act in any way which would discredit the profession, nor will they engage in any illegal or unethical activity.

Competence

A Certified Forensic Investigator/Technician shall maintain their professional competence by continually striving to maintain their proficiency through continuing relevant education and experience. Members may only accept engagements or assignments for which there is a reasonable expectation that the engagement or assignment will be completed with professional competence and objectivity.

Conflict of Interest

A Certified Forensic Investigator/Technician shall hold themselves free of any interest or arrangement which could in fact or appearance impair their professional objectivity or judgement. Members shall inform a client or employer of any business connections, affiliations and interests of which the client or employer might reasonably be expected to be informed and shall not use information relating to their employment or an engagement to either directly or indirectly obtain an advantage or benefit.

Confidentiality

A Certified Forensic Investigator/Technician shall treat any and all information that becomes known to them in the course of their work as confidential, save and except where disclosure is required by a court of competent jurisdiction or with the consent of the employer/client, or if a member becomes aware of illegal activity. Disclosure of confidential information may be required by the Board of Directors of the Association in order for it to properly exercise its duties.

Any violations of the Code of Professional Ethics and Conduct will be referred to the Discipline Committee of the Association and may result in expulsion or other disciplinary action by the Association.