

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BUILDING DESIGN

CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

Preamble

Members of the American Institute of Building Design are committed to developing new, improved design educational standards, encouraging inter-professional relations in the building industry, and promoting research in the aesthetic and technical aspects of the profession. This commitment involves the public, whom they serve, and the profession, whom they represent.

A. General Obligations

Members shall strive to improve and advance their knowledge and expertise in the profession of Building Design and shall expend every effort to contribute to its improvement and growth.

1. Members shall continuously strive to demonstrate and improve both their knowledge and competence.
2. Members shall seek a method of improving the design standards of the day to the highest possible level.
3. Members shall attempt to promote public awareness, as it relates to evaluating professional competence in the building industry.

B. Public Obligations

Members shall strive to serve the public in every aspect of both professional and ethical conduct.

1. Members shall keep themselves informed of all pertinent laws, ordinances and building codes.
2. Members shall not engage in, assist, or be a party to, any business practice which is, or could be, fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive.
3. Members shall not knowingly infringe on the copyright of another's work either in the profession or in business practice.
4. Members are encouraged to be involved in community and civic activities that are beneficial to their community, state, or nation.
5. Members shall not discriminate in their professional conduct on the basis of race, religion, gender, physical/mental disability, or national origin.

C. Professional Obligations

Members shall conduct their professional activities contributing to the health, welfare, and safety of the public, and to the advancement and understanding of their profession.

1. Members acting in a professional capacity shall make clear whether statements or actions are personal opinions, or have official direction and approval when such statements might be construed to represent the Institute.
2. Members shall not make misleading statements regarding their expertise, qualifications or performance.
3. Members shall exercise reasonable effort in assuring that their work is in the best interest of public health, welfare, and safety and to encourage such action in others of the building industry.

D. Enactment

This Code of Ethics and Conduct shall be adopted by the Board of Directors of the Institute and shall take effect at such time as determined by the resolution of adoption.

E. Enforcement

This Code of Ethics and Conduct shall be enforced by such remedies and resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Institute, consistent with the provisions of the Institute Bylaws Art. III, § 4, & Art. V, § 3 on member and officer discipline and maintained in the Standing Book of Rules.

F. Application

The Code of Ethics and Conduct applies to the professional activities of all members of the Institute.