



State of New Jersey

CODE OF ETHICS

The protection of life, health, and property is a solemn responsibility of the highest order. Recognizing the public's trust bestowed upon individuals engaged in the administration and enforcement of construction codes, the Department of Community Affairs and licensed code officials throughout the State of New Jersey are committed to a standard of professional behavior that exemplifies the highest ideals and principles of ethical conduct.

- *Code Officials will never use their positions to secure any special benefit to themselves, their families, or their friends.*
- *Code Officials will never accept any gift or gratuity from anyone whose work they regulate.*
- *Code Officials will recuse themselves from enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code in matters where they, their families, or close friends have a direct or indirect personal or financial interest that might appear to conflict with the proper discharge of the duties of the Code Official.*
- *Code Officials will never knowingly act in a way that might create an impression or suspicion among the public that they are engaged in conduct violative of the public trust.*
- *Code Officials will always make decisions in connection with their official duties on a fair and impartial basis, and without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, handicap, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or other inappropriate consideration.*
- *Code Officials will never conduct themselves such that it might be reasonably inferred that the influence of a personal relationship caused them to act in a biased or partial manner.*
- *Code Officials will never recommend or disparage products, suppliers, or contractors, or otherwise show partiality or exercise undue influence in any way.*
- *Code Officials will perform their duties to the best of their ability at all times and will not accept additional employment that would leave insufficient time to perform their duties properly.*
- *Code Officials will perform their duties with professionalism and with courtesy toward all.*