

General

A Code of Ethics is concerned with how certain fundamental imperatives apply to one's conduct as an engineering professional. These imperatives are expressed in a general form to emphasize that principles which apply to engineering ethics are derived from more general ethical principles.

It is understood that some words and phrases in a code of ethics are subject to varying interpretations, and that any ethical principle may conflict with other ethical principles in specific situations. Questions related to ethical conflicts can best be answered by thoughtful consideration of fundamental principles, rather than reliance on detailed regulations.

Preamble

Engineering is a profession that requires its practitioners to be well educated and knowledgeable. Systems Engineering, in particular, is a unique discipline in that it

1. is highly integrative, spanning elements of many activities,
2. often provides representation of stakeholders' interests other than employer or client, and
3. operates in largely international arenas where value systems, beliefs and customs vary widely.

The practice of Systems Engineering can result in significant social and environmental benefits, but only if unintended and undesired effects are considered and mitigated.

INCOSE Code of Ethics

Our Code of Ethics is publicly available at

<https://www.incose.org/about-incose/Leadership-Organization/code-of-ethics>