

Code of Ethics

1. The Home Inspector shall maintain and advance in their knowledge of building systems and improve the professionalism of the Industry Standard through striving for the highest inspection standards and continued education.
2. The Home Inspector acknowledges the importance of the Inspection to the Client and the positive impact an Inspector may have on the Clients' future quality of life. Honesty and fairness shall be maintained toward all parties involved in the inspection.
3. The Home Inspector will perform the Inspection in good faith toward the Client in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by Home Inspectors currently practicing under similar circumstances (Industry Standard).
4. Any opinion expressed by the Home Inspector shall be based on specific knowledge gained by education or experience about that System or Component, or shall otherwise not be expressed. A Home Inspector shall not accept an Inspection that the Home Inspector is not qualified to perform.
5. The Home Inspector shall maintain confidentiality with the Client unless the Client specifically approves the disclosure to other parties.
6. The Home Inspector shall have no hidden relationship to any party. The Home Inspector shall not receive or offer any compensation (including a commission or allowance) from or to any party other than the contractual Client without a written disclosure signed by all parties.
7. Inspectors shall avoid activities that may harm the public, discredit themselves, or reduce public confidence in the profession.
 - 7.1. The Home Inspector shall be accountable to their colleagues and hold their colleagues accountable to maintain the Industry Standards. Any willful violations of the Industry Standards, this Code, or associated laws shall be promptly reported as set forth by the state or governing body.
 - 7.2. Advertising, marketing, and promotion of inspectors' services or qualifications shall not be fraudulent, false, deceptive, or misleading.
8. The Home Inspector shall avoid conflicts of interest or activities that compromise or appear to compromise the integrity of the inspection, or the professional independence or objectivity of the Home Inspector.
 - 8.1. Home Inspectors shall not inspect properties for compensation in which they have, or expect to have a financial interest.
 - 8.2. Home Inspectors shall not inspect properties under contingent arrangements whereby any compensation or future referrals are dependent on reported findings or on the sale of a property.
 - 8.3. Home Inspectors shall not directly or indirectly compensate realty agents, or other parties having a financial interest in closing or settlement of real estate transactions, for the referral of inspections or for inclusion on a list of recommended inspectors, preferred providers, or similar arrangements.
 - 8.4. Home Inspectors shall not receive compensation for an inspection from more than one party unless agreed to by the client(s).

- 8.5. Home Inspectors shall not accept compensation, directly or indirectly, for recommending contractors, services, or products to inspection clients or other parties having an interest in inspected properties.
- 8.6. Home Inspectors shall not repair, replace, or upgrade, for compensation, systems or components covered by the Standards of Practice, for one year after the inspection.