



# 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 building codes, the International Code Council advocates commitment to a standard of professional behavior that exemplifies the highest ideals and principles of ethical conduct. The governing concepts embodied in this philosophy are characterized herein below, for the benefit and guidance of those so engaged, and for the enlightenment of the public so served.

## The ICC Certified Individual shall:

**P**lace the public's welfare above all other interests and recognize that the chief function of government is to serve the best interest of all the people.

**D**emonstrate integrity, honesty, and fairness in all transactions and constantly strive for excellence in all matters of ethical conduct.

**R**ecognize the continuing need for developing improved safety.

**M**aintain professional competence in all areas of employment responsibility and encourage the same for all associates at all levels.

**A**ccept no personal favors for public services rendered and conscientiously avoid all circumstances that could compromise professional integrity.