

AUSTRALASIAN RADIATION PROTECTION SOCIETY INC.



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CODE OF ETHICS

In this Code of Ethics any reference to a “member” shall be interpreted to include Fellows, Members and Associates.

Objectives

The principles in this Code of Ethics are intended to ensure that members of the Australasian Radiation Protection Society Inc. (ARPS), individually and collectively, maintain a professional standard of conduct. They are rules by which members may determine the propriety of their conduct in relations with employers, co-workers, clients, members of other professions, government agencies and members of the public.

Professional Conduct

Members of the Australasian Radiation Protection Society Inc. (ARPS) shall:

1. Support the aims and objectives of ARPS.
2. Conduct all aspects of their work in a conscientious and professional manner which enhances the standing of the radiation protection profession and ARPS.
3. Ensure that the radiation safety and health of the community takes precedence over interests of employers and colleagues and of sectional and private interests.
4. Avoid circumstances where professional judgement may be compromised or a conflict of interest may arise.
5. Ensure that all relations with employers, co-workers, clients, members of other professions, government agencies and sectional and private interests are based on, and reflect, the highest standards of integrity, professionalism and fairness.
6. Ensure that no employment or consultation is undertaken which is contrary to the welfare of the community or to the law.
7. Perform work only in their area of competence and not undertake any assignment beyond their capabilities.
8. Continue to improve their professional development throughout their careers, where possible assist in the professional development of other ARPS members and share their expertise with other members of the profession.

9. Protect the confidentiality of information obtained during the course of their professional duties, provided that such protection is not itself unethical or illegal.
10. Ensure that any professional reports, statements or publications they produce have a sound scientific basis, are accurate and appropriately attributed.
11. Take advantage of opportunities to increase public understanding of radiation protection and of the aims and objectives of ARPS.
12. Wherever practicable, correct misleading, sensational and unwarranted statements concerning radiation and radiation protection made by others.
13. Not make any public statement, purporting to be the policy or position of ARPS, when such is not the case.
14. Without prejudice, take appropriate actions in the case of unethical conduct of their peers, including reporting such conduct to the appropriate authorities, if warranted.
15. Comply with all legislative requirements, government regulations and national and international codes of practice relating to radiation protection.

Breach of the Code of Ethics

1. It is a condition of membership of ARPS that all members shall comply with this Code of Ethics.
2. Any member who breaches the provisions of this Code of Ethics may be required to forfeit membership of ARPS.
3. Where a member of ARPS is alleged to have breached this Code of Ethics the member shall have an opportunity to e
4. Explain his/her position to the National Executive Committee of ARPS.