

IV Code of Ethics

To maintain the integrity and high standards of skill and practice in the Home Inspection Profession, the following rules of conduct and ethics shall be binding upon the use of these Standards of Practice of MeCHIPs:

1. The Inspector shall act as a disinterested third party and shall discharge his duties with integrity and fidelity to the public, with fairness and impartiality to all parties.
2. The Inspector shall uphold the honor and dignity of this profession and avoid alliance with any enterprise of questionable character or apparent conflict of interest.
3. The Inspector shall express an opinion only when it is based on practical experience and honest conviction.
4. The Inspector shall always act in good faith toward the client.
5. The Inspector shall not disclose any information concerning the results of the inspection without the approval of the client for whom the inspection was performed.
6. The Inspector shall not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service performed on the same property at the same time without the consent of all interested parties.
7. The Inspector shall not accept nor offer commissions or allowances, directly or indirectly, from other parties dealing with the client in connection with work for which the Inspector is responsible.
8. The Inspector may provide "additional inspection services" only after proper disclosure to the client that the "additional inspection services" are not part of the home inspection, as defined by the MeCHIPs Standards of Practice. In addition, the sale of products or correction of deficiencies is not permitted under this Code of Ethics. The Inspector shall promptly disclose to the client any interest in any business, which may affect the client, the quality or the result of the inspection.
9. The Inspector shall make every effort to uphold, maintain and improve the professional practice, integrity and reputation of MeCHIPs. He shall report all violations of this Code by Professional Members, and any other relevant information, to MeCHIPs for possible remedial action.
10. The Inspector, within the context of the inspection, shall not express an opinion of the market value of the inspected property.
11. Professional Member agrees to provide clients with a written statement for dispute resolution through mediation or arbitration.

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