

I. Fundamental Canons

Engineers, in the fulfillment of their professional duties, shall:

- 1. Hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public.**
- 2. Perform services only in areas of their competence.**
- 3. Issue public statements only in an objective and truthful manner.**
- 4. Act for each employer or client as faithful agents or trustees.**
- 5. Avoid deceptive acts.**
- 6. Conduct themselves honorably, responsibly, ethically, and lawfully so as to enhance the honor, reputation, and usefulness of the profession.**

Expanded in
Section 2 of the
code

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- Enhanced criminal sanctions for poor safety management and greater financial disincentives and penalties for workplaces with unsafe systems.
- (16) Good ethical practices and high moral standards should prevail over commercial interests. Accordingly, architects, engineers and contractors must perform their professional and contractual duties with due care and diligence with prime regard to safety.⁴
- (17) The safety training and educational framework should be reviewed⁵ to equip management and workers with relevant information and knowledge of work hazards and safe work practices, particularly in specialised works.
- (18) Workers should be empowered to 'whistle blow' on unsafe workplace practices, as well as remove or eliminate work hazards.

II. Rules of Practice

1. Engineers shall hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public.

- a. If engineers' judgment is overruled under circumstances that endanger life or property, they shall notify their employer or client and such other authority as may be appropriate.
- b. Engineers shall approve only those engineering documents that are in conformity with applicable standards.
- c. Engineers shall not reveal facts, data, or information without the prior consent of the client or employer except as authorized or required by law or this Code.
- d. Engineers shall not permit the use of their name or associate in business ventures with any person or firm that they believe is engaged in fraudulent or dishonest enterprise.
- e. Engineers shall not aid or abet the unlawful practice of engineering by a person or firm.
- f. Engineers having knowledge of any alleged violation of this Code shall report thereon to appropriate professional bodies and, when relevant, also to public authorities, and cooperate with the proper authorities in furnishing such information or assistance as may be required.

II. Rules of Practice

2. Engineers shall perform services only in the areas of their competence.

- a. Engineers shall undertake assignments only when qualified by education or experience in the specific technical fields involved.
- b. Engineers shall not affix their signatures to any plans or documents dealing with subject matter in which they lack competence, nor to any plan or document not prepared under their direction and control.
- c. Engineers may accept assignments and assume responsibility for coordination of an entire project and sign and seal the engineering documents for the entire project, provided that each technical segment is signed and sealed only by the qualified engineers who prepared the segment.