

Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct outlines the professional and ethical standards that all contributors, developers, testers, and stakeholders of the **Password Hygiene Coach** project are expected to follow.

The project promotes security awareness and privacy by design. All team members are committed to maintaining the highest standards of conduct in their work.

1. Integrity

- Act with honesty and transparency in all project activities.
- Ensure all communication, documentation, and reporting are truthful and accurate.
- Do not misrepresent the results, data or app functionality.
- Security and privacy claims (e.g., “offline only,” “no data collected”) must be verified.

2. Objectivity

- Make decisions based on facts, user needs, and best practices, not personal preferences.
- Declare and avoid any conflicts of interest.
- Evaluate feedback and data impartially to improve product quality.

3. Professional Competence and Due Care

- Maintain up to date technical knowledge in security, software development, and usability.
- Apply secure coding standards (e.g., OWASP Mobile Top 10).
- Perform regular reviews and testing to ensure functionality and security.
- Deliver work carefully and on time, prioritizing quality over speed.

4. Confidentiality

- Keep all internal discussions, testing data, and vulnerabilities confidential.
- Respect teammate privacy at all times.

5. Professional Behaviour

- Treat team members with respect, courtesy, and inclusion.
- Maintain a harassment free, supportive environment.
- Uphold all applicable legal, ethical, and data protection standards.
- Respect the project responsibly in any public setting.

6. Team Accountability and Penalties

To keep the project enjoyable and foster accountability, the team has agreed to light-hearted, motivational “punishments” for missed deadlines or meetings. All meant to promote engagement and laughter, not blame.

If a member misses a task or meeting (without a valid reason):

- Offer a virtual coffee or snack to other teammates as friendly gesture.
- Volunteer to assist another team member with documentation, testing, or debugging for one short task in the next sprint.

Fair play rules:

- This penalty is meant to be fun and encouraging, never embarrassing.
- Members with legitimate reason (e.g., illness, emergencies) are exempt.
- The team may vote to skip or substitute a penalty if all agree.

7. Reporting and Enforcement

- Any serious breaches of this Code should be reported to the project lead or ethics coordinator.
- Violations will be addressed through discussion, mutual understanding, and corrective action if needed.

Acknowledgement

By participating in the Password Hygiene Coach project, each contributor agrees to uphold this Code of Conduct and promote a culture of integrity, respect, collaboration, and continuous learning.