

7.8 IEEE Code of Ethics

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We, the members of the IEEE, in recognition of the importance of our technologies in affecting the quality of life throughout the world, and in accepting a personal obligation to our profession, its members and the communities we serve, do hereby commit ourselves to the highest ethical and professional conduct and agree:

1. to accept responsibility in making decisions consistent with the safety, health, and welfare of the public, and to disclose promptly factors that might endanger the public or the environment;
 2. to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest whenever possible, and to disclose them to affected parties when they do exist;
 3. to be honest and realistic in stating claims or estimates based on available data;
 4. to reject bribery in all its forms;
 5. to improve the understanding of technology; its appropriate application, and potential consequences;
 6. to maintain and improve our technical competence and to undertake technological tasks for others only if qualified by training or experience, or after full disclosure of pertinent limitations;
 7. to seek, accept, and offer honest criticism of technical work, to acknowledge and correct errors, and to credit properly the contributions of others;
 8. to treat fairly all persons and to not engage in acts of discrimination based on race, religion, gender, disability, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
 9. to avoid injuring others, their property, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action;
 10. to assist colleagues and co-workers in their professional development and to support them in following this code of ethics.
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Changes to the IEEE Code of Ethics will be made only after the following conditions are met:

- Proposed changes shall have been published in THE INSTITUTE at least three (3) months in advance of final consideration by the Board of Directors, with a request for comment, and
- All IEEE Major Boards shall have the opportunity to discuss proposed changes prior to final action by the Board of Directors, and
- An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes of the members of the Board of Directors present at the time of the vote, provided a quorum is present, shall be required for changes to be made.