



# World Safety Organization Code of Conduct

Members of the WSO, by virtue of their acceptance of membership into the WSO, are bound to the following Code of Conduct regarding their activities associated with the WSO:

1. Members must be responsible for ethical and professional conduct in relationships with clients, employers, associates, and the public.
2. Members must be responsible for professional competence in performance of all their professional activities.
3. Members must be responsible for the protection of professional interest, reputation, and good name of any deserving WSO member or member of other professional organization involved in safety or associate disciplines.
4. Members must be dedicated to professional development of new members in the safety profession and associated disciplines.
5. Members must be responsible for their complete sincerity in professional service to the world.
6. Members must be responsible for continuing improvement and development of professional competencies in safety and associated disciplines.
7. Members must be responsible for their professional efforts to support the WSO motto, "Making Safety a Way of Life...Worldwide."

Any individual, member, officer, employee, or representative of any outside agency/organization may file a complaint against any member, officer, or employee of the WSO. Once a complaint has been filed, a thorough and confidential investigation will be completed by the Ethics Committee Chairman. If the charges are found to be true, the punishment shall range from:

- a) Informal counseling by a member of the WSO Executive Action Committee;
- b) Formal counseling by a member of the WSO Executive Action Committee;
- c) Written letter of Admonition placed in the member's file for one year;
- d) Written letter of Counseling placed in the member's file for one year;
- e) Written letter of Reprimand placed in the member's file for one year;
- f) Written letter of Reprimand placed permanently in the member's file;
- g) Individual being placed on a formal probation that could result in removal from the WSO and suspension and/or revocation of membership and credential privileges;
- h) Permanent disbarment from the roles of WSO and revocation of credentials.

## Statement of Agreement

- If something occurs during the period of WSO membership/certification that makes it impossible or dangerous for me to continue performing the tasks for which I was approved or certified, I shall notify WSO of the change of situation to determine if continued approval/certification is in the best interests of WSO and/or the industry.
- I will notify WSO if I am convicted of a felony or any other serious criminal violation that might bring the WSO Membership and Certification Program into disrepute.
- I will make claims regarding WSO membership/certification only with respect to the scope for which it has been granted.
- I will not use the membership/certification in such a manner as to bring WSO and its governing bodies into disrepute, and will not make any statement regarding the membership/certification which the WSO considers misleading or unauthorized.
- I will discontinue the use of all claims to membership/certification that contain any reference to the WSO membership/certification upon suspension or withdrawal of certification, and will return any certificates issued through the WSO Membership and Certification program.
- I will not use the WSO membership or certification in a misleading manner.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

The WSO requires a signed copy of this WSO Code of Conduct to be placed in your file. Please sign and return the completed form to: **WSO-WMC**, 1601 N. Turner, Hobbs, New Mexico USA | email: [membership@worldsafety.org](mailto:membership@worldsafety.org)