



Avalanche Australia Code of Ethics

Acting in the Public Interest

1. A member must uphold the public interest and promote professional standards and must strive to protect the public and clients from loss of life, injury and property damage caused by snow avalanches.

Acting competently

2. A member must exercise appropriate diligence, prudence, judgment, discretion and a thoughtful attention to detail in his or her work and ensure that work outputs are complete and correct. A member must undertake only those assignments for which she or he is qualified and experienced.

Record keeping

3. A member must maintain clear, timely and accurate records of all aspects of his or her work.

Continued competency

4. A member must cultivate, develop and maintain the currency of professional knowledge through education, training and practical experience as well as through knowledge gained while practicing alongside mentors and peers.

Privacy and confidentiality

5. A member must collect, use, disclose and dispose of confidential, private information in accordance with current privacy legislation and, where applicable, employer policies.

Safe work ethic

6. A member must demonstrate dedication to workplace and public safety through a safe work ethic that is employed in all aspects of their professional practice.

Integrity

7. A member must conduct her or himself honorably and in a manner that demonstrates individual integrity and reflects the integrity of the profession.

Respect for others

8. A member must not attempt, directly or indirectly, to injure the professional reputation, prospects, or practice of another person.

Professional independence and judgment

9. A member must ensure that professional relationships will not compromise the member's independence and judgment.

Conflict of interest

10. A member must avoid conflicts of interest but, where a conflict arises, must then promptly and fully disclose the circumstances to the client or employer and take steps to resolve the conflict.

Disclosing interests

11. A member must not issue statements, criticisms or arguments on avalanche safety matters, which are inspired or paid for by private interest, unless the member indicates on whose behalf the member is making such statements.

Accountability

12. A member must be accountable to, and responsible for, ensuring that the member's practice and conduct meets the expectations of the profession, peers and the public. Additionally, a member will work within the sphere of the member's competencies.

Duty to report

13. If a member has a reason to believe that another member has acted or may act incompetently, unethically or improperly, or in breach of the Code or a standard, that member must promptly report that information in confidence to the Chair of the Conduct Review Committee