

# Code of Ethics

## For Individual & Organisation Members

### Preamble

Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia) seeks to provide a means of safeguarding the integrity of the fire protection community. The following Code of Ethics is designed to provide a benchmark against which to measure the work and services of members. It encourages members to appreciate that their work is of importance in maintaining public safety, health and welfare. Further, it acknowledges that the fire protection industry employs technology which is constantly improving with the consequential need for a commitment to the training of individuals. FPA Australia members are expected to act in accordance with this Code and all applicable laws.

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If a member becomes aware of hazardous conditions that threaten the present or future safety, health or welfare of the public, then they shall advise their staff and clients.

Members shall take all reasonable steps to maintain the level of knowledge and skill in their field of practice.

Members shall consider the consequences of their work and societal issues pertinent to it and shall seek to extend public understanding of those relationships.

Members shall perform services only in the area of their competence or provide such services with the aid of appropriately experienced subcontractors or consultants.

Members shall be honest and truthful in presenting data and estimates, professional opinions and conclusions and in their public statements dealing with industry matters shall not engage in improper solicitation of employment or contracts.

Members shall not use membership of the Association as a demonstration of competence.

### Disciplinary Code

Having acknowledged this Code, should an FPA Australia member be considered by the Board to have:

1. Breached the Code or Ethics, or
2. Brought the fire protection industry into disrepute,

the member may be called upon to show cause to the Board why membership of the Association should not be reduced or withdrawn.

A member called upon to show such cause shall be given a period of twenty-eight days in which to respond to the Board.

If no such response is received, the Board may reduce the level of the member's membership, or withdraw the membership.

Upon receipt of notice that the member's membership has been varied or withdrawn, a member may apply to have the membership reinstated. Such an application may only be made once in a period of any FPA Australia membership year and accompanied by whatever documentation and evidence that the Board may require.

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