



Housing Inspection Foundation

Code of Professional Ethics

Should a member violate this code of Professional Standards, their Membership in the Housing Inspection Foundation may be suspended for a period of time, or he or she may be expelled from the Foundation.

- 1** Members of the Housing Inspection Foundation must conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
- 2** The Home Inspector will always act in good faith towards the client.
- 3** The Home Inspector will provide a thorough and honest opinion of the structure and its contents in accordance with this code and their professional experience.
- 4** The Home Inspector will not accept nor make available commissions or allowances, directly or indirectly, and will always perform as an unbiased third party.
- 5** The Home Inspector will not disclose any information regarding the home inspection without prior approval from the client.
- 6** The Home Inspector will not use the inspection process to obtain repair or similar work on the inspected property.
- 7** Members of the Housing Inspection Foundation must not engage in any practice which violates the law of the land.
- 8** Members must respect the professional reputation of other association members.
- 9** The Home Inspector is responsible for alerting the client to the existence of any outside interest which may affect the client or the quality of the inspection.
- 10** In producing a home inspection, the Home Inspector must understand the recognized methods and techniques that are necessary to produce a credible and professional inspection.
- 11** The Home Inspector will not accept compensation, monetary or otherwise, from more than one client regarding the same service on the same property without prior consent of all interested parties.
- 12** The Home Inspector should always be aware of the fact that as a designated member they represent this association, which was created to enhance the professional image of its members and the Home Inspection industry.
- 13** The Home Inspector will report any violations of this code by any member to the Housing Inspection Foundation for necessary action.
- 14** In those states that requiring licensing and certification, the Home Inspector will not perform home inspections in those states unless they are licensed and certified.