

# Code of Ethics



**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF  
HOME INSPECTORS, INC.**

## PURPOSE STATEMENT

To maintain the integrity and high standard of skill and practice in the home inspection profession, the following rules of conduct and ethics shall be binding upon the NAHI inspector.

### CODE OF ETHICS #1

Home inspection services that the inspector provides to the client(s) shall conform to the National Association of Home Inspectors, Inc.™ Standards of Practice.

### CODE OF ETHICS #2

The inspector will act as an unbiased third party to the real estate transaction and will discharge the inspector's duties with integrity and fidelity to the client.

### CODE OF ETHICS #3

The inspector will only express an opinion on any aspect of an inspected property when it is based on the experience, training, education and professional opinion of the inspector.

### CODE OF ETHICS #4

The inspector shall not provide services that constitute the unauthorized practice of any profession that requires a special license if the inspector does not hold that license.

### CODE OF ETHICS #5

The inspector shall not accept compensation for a home inspection from more than one party without written disclosure to the inspector's client(s).

### CODE OF ETHICS #6

The inspector may recommend or offer products or additional services to the client consistent with the provisions of this Code of Ethics. If the services or products recommended or offered by the inspector are:

- (a) to be purchased from or provided by the inspector, their agents or employees;
  - (b) to be purchased from or provided by any entity, organization, or venture in which the inspector has an interest; or
  - (c) will result in any compensation or benefit to the inspector, financial or otherwise,
- then the products or services may only be recommended or offered after a written disclosure to the client of the inspector's interest in the transaction and advising the client to obtain competitive bids.

### CODE OF ETHICS #7

The inspector will not provide any compensation, inducement, or reward directly or indirectly, to any person or entity other than a client, for the referral of business to the inspector. (The purchase and/or use of advertising or marketing services or products are not considered compensation, inducement, or reward.)

### CODE OF ETHICS #8

The inspector will not conduct a home inspection or prepare a home inspection report for which the inspector's fee is contingent upon the conclusions in the report.

### CODE OF ETHICS #9

The inspector will not disclose any information concerning the results of the inspection without the approval of the client for whom the inspection was performed, unless compelled by court order.

### CODE OF ETHICS #10

Home inspectors, while providing professional services, or in their employment practices, shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status, national origin or any other status protected by law.

### CODE OF ETHICS #11

The inspector shall make every effort to uphold, maintain and improve the professional practice, integrity, and reputation of NAHI. The inspector will report violations of this Code by other members, and any other relevant information to NAHI for possible remedial action.

### CODE OF ETHICS #12

While this Code of Ethics establishes obligations that may be higher than those mandated by law, in any instance where the Code of Ethics and the law conflict, the obligations of the law must take precedence.

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