



# Code of Ethics

*Our Code of Ethics defines  
the values and principles that  
shape our decisions & behaviour.*



## Preamble

This Code of Ethics presents the principles of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI). The purpose of IAATI is specified in Article 1 section 3 of its Constitution.

It is a requirement of members of IAATI that they comply with this Code of Ethics, as specified in Article 2 section 5 of IAATI's Constitution.

## Aim of the Code of Ethics

It is recognized that the members' competence and knowledge reflects their respective abilities and qualifications. The following professional standards and expectations establish the guidelines and procedures that will permit an IAATI member to act in an ethical and objective manner, thereby upholding the integrity of the Association and its members.

The Code of Ethics sets out the core principles and values by which members of IAATI will conduct themselves in the course of their work and as members of IAATI. It provides members with broad guidelines to help them deal with ethical issues that arise during their professional life.

IAATI holds paramount that the fundamental responsibility of each member is to provide impartial professional judgment. Each member must strive to give the highest calibre of professionalism in all dealings with, fellow IAATI members and those they deal with in the daily work.

## Statement of values

In their professional and official life, members will conduct themselves with:

- Integrity
- Professionalism and competence
- Respect for confidentiality
- Avoidance of conflicts of interest
- Respect for IAATI, its principles and its members.



# 1. Integrity

Members of IAATI will:

- Conduct all work with honesty, integrity and objectivity, and in good faith, exercising due skill, care and diligence.
- Accurately represent their qualifications, training and experience.
- Conduct their personal and official lives so as to inspire the confidence of the public.
- Use his or her knowledge and skills for the enhancement of the industry and their profession.
- Avoid alliances with those who practises are inconsistent with IAATI Code of Ethics or IAATI purpose.
- Shall, at all times, display the highest standards of integrity and be beyond reproach.

# 2. Professionalism and competence

Members of IAATI will:

- Comply with IAATI's Constitution, policies and this Code of Ethics.
- Perform work in accordance within all appropriate, local, national or international laws.
- Use only legal and ethical means to obtain information.
- Communicate respectfully with colleagues, employers, officials, victims, other members of IAATI and individuals you come into contact with as part of your work and/or IAATI interactions.
- Demonstrate a commitment to professional development including continue to update and enhance their technical knowledge and skills by training, study, and the sharing of information and experiences with my fellow professionals and fellow IAATI members.
- Not negligently, maliciously or willingly injure directly or indirectly the reputation, prospects or business of another member of the Association.

# 3. Respect for confidentiality

Members of IAATI will:

- Maintain and respect client and member confidentiality.
- Comply with all applicable privacy requirements.
- Respect the sensitive nature of any confidential or proprietary information made known or available to them and exercise the care required to prevent the unlawful or improper disclosure of such information.
- Use official or sensitive information that comes into their possession in accordance with the legislative and regulatory standards, the instruction of their employer or the specific instructions of the source.



## 4. Avoidance of conflicts of interest

Members of IAATI will:

- When serving as an officer or appointed to any IAATI board or committee, disclose to the President any actual or potential conflicts of interest at the earliest available opportunity.
- Openly declare potential conflicts of interest, and undertake work only where conflicts of interest will not actually or potentially threaten the integrity of their work or their decisions.
- Avoid actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- Ensure the interests of family members, friends or associates do not influence the performance of their duties in their employment or any role within IAATI.

## 5. Respect for IAATI, its principles and its members

Members of IAATI will:

- Conduct themselves in a manner that does not damage the good standing and reputation of the Association.
- Uphold the reputation of IAATI, and maintain a supportive public attitude towards IAATI.
- Carefully avoid any practice that is contrary to the law or would discredit the member, and/or the Association.
- Not do anything to bring discredit or harm the reputation of IAATI.
- Not make statements claiming to represent the views of IAATI without IAATI's consent.
- Treat others with courtesy, respect and dignity and not discriminate directly or indirectly against gender, race, culture, age, marital status, ethnic or social origin, sexual orientation, religion, believe, culture, language, birth or disability.
- Notify IAATI of any change in their personal or professional status that may impact on their position as an IAATI member, including any criminal charges.
- Strive to encourage other industry practitioners to apply similar standards in their professional conduct to those that IAATI members expect of themselves.

## Breach of the Code of Ethics

Any person accepting membership in IAATI agrees to abide by the Association's rules, policies, and Code of Ethics. Members found to be in breach of the Code of Ethics may be subject to disciplinary measures as set out in Article 2 section 4 of IAATI's Constitution.

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