



### **Code of Ethics:**

1. Honesty, fairness and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with mutual interest among people, constitutes the foundation of ethics.
2. As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, the inspector will discharge his/her duties with fidelity to the public and clients with fairness and impartiality to all. It is the duty to interest him/herself in public welfare and to apply their special knowledge to the benefit of mankind.
3. The member will express an opinion only when it is founded on adequate knowledge and honest conviction.
4. The member will report on visible conditions that are dangerous and threatening to life, limb, or property on work for which he/she is responsible.
5. The member will have due regard for the safety for life and health of the public and others who may be affected by the work for which he/she is responsible.
6. The member will not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service, or for services pertaining to the same work, without the consent of all interested parties. The inspection work may not be used as vehicle by the inspector to deliberately obtain additional work in another field.
7. The member will always act in good faith toward each client.
8. The member will not disclose any information concerning the results of the inspection without the approval of the client or their representative, except to the Georgia Association of Home Inspectors, Inc. or its members.
9. The member will not accept nor offer commissions or allowances, directly or indirectly, from or to other parties dealing with his/her client in connection with work for which the member is responsible.
10. Inspectors shall not directly or indirectly compensate realty agents, or other parties having a financial interest in closing or settlement of real estate transactions, for the referral of inspections or for inclusion on a list of recommended inspectors, preferred providers, or similar arrangements.
11. The member shall make every effort to uphold, maintain, and improve the professional integrity, reputation, and practice of the inspection industry. He/she will report all such relevant information, including violations of this code by other members, to the association for possible remedial action.