

Westcon Statement of Ethical Principles

Westcon has created a **Statement of Ethical Principles** to which it believes all Members, Associate Members, Honorary Members, and Student Members (hereinafter referred to as “Members”) should subscribe.

Members work to assist various parties in analyzing, understanding, evaluating, improving, and repairing the built environment. In doing so, Members may participate in efforts to resolve disputes concerning unanticipated, unintended, or unwanted performance of features of the built environment. Members also participate in activities associated with understanding the allocation of responsibility for damages or injury arising from that performance.

This Statement of Ethical Principles sets a standard to which Members should aspire in their work activities and relationships. It guides them in meeting the Westcon Organization Values of honesty, respect, integrity, diligence, trust, responsibility, responsiveness, fairness, safety, and cooperation.

There are 4 **Fundamental Principles** that should guide Members in achieving the ideals of practicing construction consultants. These are;

1. **Accuracy and rigor.** Members should acquire and use the knowledge that is relevant to the professional and technical skills needed to perform their work in service of others. They should:
 - Act with care and competence
 - Offer to provide and provide services only in areas of their current competence
 - Keep their knowledge and skills up to date and assist the development of knowledge and skill of other Members
 - Not knowingly mislead or allow others to be misled concerning matters about which the Member is retained
 - Present and review technical evidence, theory, and interpretation honestly, accurately, and without unacknowledged or undisclosed bias
2. **Honesty and integrity.** Members should adopt high standards of conduct, openness, fairness, and honesty. They should:
 - Be alert to the ways in which their work might affect others and duly respect the rights and reputations of other parties
 - Avoid deceptive acts, take steps to prevent corrupt practices or misconduct, and declare conflicts of interest
 - Reject bribery or improper influence
 - Act for each client in a reliable and trustworthy manner
3. **Respect for life, law and the public good.** Members should give due weight to all relevant laws, facts and published standards and guidance, and to the wider public interest. They should:
 - Ensure that their work is lawful and justified
 - Maintain in effect any appropriate licenses, registrations, certifications, insurance, or bonding that are required by the State to perform their work or provide their services
 - Minimize and justify any adverse effect of their work on society or on the natural environment for their own and succeeding generations
 - Take due account of the limited availability of natural and human resources
 - Consider the importance of the health and safety of others
 - Act honorably, responsibly and lawfully and uphold the reputation, standing and dignity of the construction consulting practice and profession

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4. Responsible leadership: listening and informing Members should aspire to high standards of leadership in the management and use of construction consulting technology. They hold a privileged and trusted position in society due to their particular knowledge and experience, and are expected to demonstrate that they are seeking to serve society as a whole and to be sensitive to public concerns. They should:

- Be aware of the issues that construction consulting raise for society, and listen to the aspirations and concerns of others
- Actively promote public awareness and understanding of the impact and benefits of construction consulting in the failure analysis, repair, and dispute resolution services provided
- Be objective and truthful in any statement made in providing construction consulting services