CIC Code of Ethics

Adherence to the following principles is a requirement of membership. They were approved by the CIC Board of Directors on March 9, 1996.

As professional chemists, chemical engineers or chemical technologists, the members of the Chemical Institute of Canada and its Constituent Societies undertake:

- to dedicate themselves to the highest standards of personal honour and professional integrity;
- to extend fairness and loyalty to associates, employers, subordinates and employees;
- to accept and defend the primacy of public well-being.

In observance of these commitments, they shall:

- practice their professions with honour, honesty, integrity, and dedication to the truth;
- encourage and assist others in observing high professional standards;
- act responsibly, fairly, and in good faith in discharging obligations to the public, their peers, employers, and employees;
- sign and seal only documents that have been prepared by them or under their direct supervision;
- accept remuneration and credit only for work performed and professional services rendered;
- undertake only such work as they are competent to perform, and express opinions only on the bases of adequate knowledge and honest convictions;
- decline to undertake any work that is fraudulent, illegal or unethical;
- place the health, safety and welfare of all persons, and the reputation of their profession, above any consideration of self-interest, and resolve any conflicts in favour of the public good;
- recognize and declare promptly any conflicts of interest arising from their professional activities; and
- seek to promote the understanding of the social and environmental consequences, as well as of the benefits to the public, of the applications of chemistry, chemical engineering and chemical technology.