

**ASSOCIATION OF SAFE PATIENT HANDLING PROFESSIONALS, INC**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

**STATEMENT**

The Association of Safe Patient Handling Professionals (ASPHP) is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the science and practice of safe patient handling. The ASPHP espouses ethical professional standards and, therefore, ASPHP Directors, Certificants, and all members are expected to conduct themselves accordingly in the discharge of their professional responsibilities. The ASPHP acts in compliance with and respect for Association bylaws and 501(c)(3) regulations.

The ASPHP has adopted the following ethical principles in order to guide the Directors, Certificants and members in support of the practice of safe patient handling and to overall promote the health and safety of caregivers and those for whom they care.

**Responsibilities of ASPHP Directors**

- 1) Interact with fellow Directors and ASPHP members with integrity and honesty, maintaining the pursuit of the Association's mission as the priority goal of Association efforts.
- 2) Provide accurate and truthful statements at all times for all professional purposes. Assure that representations to the public in advertising, professional statements to legislative bodies, in authorship of professional papers, etc. do not mislead or misstate the truth.
- 3) Publically represent the ASPHP with appropriate professional behavior.

**Responsibilities of ASPHP Certificants**

- 1) All certificants shall conduct themselves in a fair, honest and impartial manner. They shall always act with responsibility, integrity and observe the highest standards of ethical conduct in their professional capacity as they interact with employers, employees, clients, colleagues and the public. They shall avoid all conduct or practice which is likely to discredit the safe patient handling profession.
- 2) All certificants shall consistently use recognized scientific principles and practices when applying their craft. They shall always act in the best interest of the public and the people they serve.
- 3) All certificants shall not misrepresent or act in a misleading manner in respect to their credentials, professional qualifications, current or past responsibilities or accomplishments, or facts concerning employment or employers.

- 4) All certificants shall conduct their professional relations by the highest standards and avoid any compromise of their professional judgment by conflicts of interest.
- 5) All certificants shall keep and respect all information of a confidential nature, either business or personal, that might be acquired during the conduct of services and act in accordance with HIPAA and all relative laws.
- 6) All certificants shall be responsible for enhancing their professional development by obtaining and maintaining proficiency through continuing education, experience and professional training.
- 7) All certificants shall assume work assignments only when qualified through education, experience and professional training.
- 8) All certificants shall seek opportunities to share their knowledge and skills and promote the science and practice of SPH in their various communities and professional interactions.

#### **Responsibilities of ASPHP Members**

- 1) Behave with professional conduct so as to support and advance the Association's mission.
- 2) Work cooperatively to avoid patient handling injuries to caregivers and care recipients.
- 3) Cooperate with colleagues to institute and maintain safe patient handling practices in the workplace.
- 4) Abide by the Code of Ethics and standards of professional associations to which you belong.
- 5) Be familiar with and uphold the Patient Bill of Rights. Respect and maintain patient/client confidentiality at all times to the extent possible.