

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 Directorsand 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 Directorsand 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 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.

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- 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.