



Code of Ethics

**As a member of the Addiction Professionals Association of Saskatchewan,
I have a responsibility to:**

1. Believe in the dignity and worth of all human beings and do not discriminate or refuse service based on race, color, creed, age, or sexual orientation or socio-economic status.
2. Recognize the right to respectful treatment of anyone suffering from substance use disorder/addiction or gambling addiction and that the primary goal is recovery for the client and the family.
3. Uphold each person's right to self-determination and provide necessary safety to individuals and society at large when appropriate.
4. Maintain a professional relationship with all persons served, assisting them to help themselves, and referring them promptly to other programs or individuals, when in their best interests.
5. Adhere strictly to established precepts of confidentiality regarding all knowledge, records and materials concerning persons served in accordance with relevant Saskatchewan current government legislation and regulations.
6. Ensure that all transactions between myself and persons served are non-exploitive and essential to their recovery; and furthermore I shall maintain at all times an objective, non-possessive, professional relationship with all clients.
7. Give due respect to the rights, views and positions of my colleagues and other related human service professionals.
8. Respect those institutional policies and procedures, with which I may be associated, as long as these policies and procedures remain consistent with recognized standards, best practices and ethics.
9. Contribute ideas and findings regarding substance use disorders and/or addiction including their treatment and recovery wherever and whenever appropriate.
10. Maintain and accept individual responsibility for personal conduct in all lifestyle areas so as not to diminish my professional competence, integrity and legal obligations.
11. Avoid claiming or implying any personal capabilities or professional qualifications beyond those I have actually attained.
12. Regularly evaluate my own strengths, limitations, biases, or levels of effectiveness, always striving for competence, self-improvement and ongoing professional development

**I _____ will adhere to these ethical principles as part of my
responsibility as a member of the Addiction Professionals Association of Saskatchewan, Inc.**

Signature _____ Date _____