

Ethical Principles

The following five ethical principles are derived from the CIPS *Code of Ethics and Professional Code of Conduct*. All CIPS members are committed to these principles and perform their work with due regard for public health, safety and the environment.

1. Protecting the Public Interest and Maintaining Integrity

CIPS members protect the public interest and discharge with integrity all duties and services owed to the public, Information Technology (IT) professionals, clients or employers.

2. Demonstrating Competence and Quality of Service

CIPS members owe their client or employer a duty to be competent to perform any IT service undertaken on such a party's behalf. CIPS members serve their client or employer in a conscientious, diligent and efficient manner by providing a high quality of service and by not undertaking a matter without honestly feeling competent to handle it.

3. Maintaining Confidential Information and Privacy

CIPS members hold in strict confidence all information concerning the business and affairs of the client or employer without exception.

4. Avoiding Conflict of Interest

CIPS members do not place personal or professional interests, or those of colleagues, above interests of the public and/or client or employer, and avoid situations where there is a significant risk that the interests of the member may conflict with the public and/or client or employer.

5. Upholding Responsibility to the IT Profession

CIPS members assist in maintaining the integrity of CIPS and the IT profession. They support and advance the interests of CIPS and the IT profession, and respect the rights and professional aspirations of their colleagues.
