

The Interpreter Code of Conduct

Here is a brief guide to the 7 main components of the Interpreter Code of Conduct:

Accountability

Be aware of liability and risk, admit to any mistakes and rectify them

Accuracy

Preserve the meaning of the message without omissions, additions or alterations, while reflecting the register and tone of each speaker

Confidentiality

Respect the confidentiality and privacy of all parties

Impartiality and conflict of interest

Never give advice or express personal opinions. Treat all parties equally and in an objective and professional way. Report any conflict of interest

Limitation of Practise

Decline any assignments that go beyond your competence

Professional Development

Maintain, improve and expand your skills and knowledge. Work toward improving weaker areas. Keep up with any changes in terminology and regularly update glossaries.

Respect for all parties

show respect to all people involved in an interpreting assignment, regardless of background, ethnicity, sex, beliefs etc.

Always follow the code of conduct to keep yourself and others safe.

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