

## **CAA CODE OF ETHICS**

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1. The purpose of the Code of Ethics is to state general principles of conduct to be observed by each Member in order that he/she may best serve the interest of the public, his/her employer, his/her clients and his fellow Members.
2. The work objectives of Members of the Canadian Avalanche Association include protecting the public and clients from loss of life, injury, and property damage caused by snow avalanches.
  - a) A Member will regard his duty to the safety of others as an important consideration governing his actions.
  - b) A Member will attempt to find a rational balance between safety and economic, environmental and social impacts.
  - c) A Member will present clearly the consequences to be expected if his professional judgement is overruled.
3. Recognising avalanche hazards for day-to-day operations and in the planning of facilities requires both knowledge of avalanches and practical experience in the collection and interpretation of information.
  - a) A Member of the Canadian Avalanche Association will undertake only those assignments for which he is qualified by experience. If necessary, he will state clearly his capabilities when advertising and obtaining work.
  - b) A Member will engage or advise engaging other Members of the Association whenever his/her employer's or client's interests are best served by such action.
  - c) A Member must exercise all reasonable skill and must accept responsibility for his actions.
4. A Member will not issue statements, criticisms or arguments on avalanche safety matters, which are inspired or paid for by private interest, unless he indicates on whose behalf he is making such statements.
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  - a) A Member will not attempt, directly or indirectly, to injure the professional reputation, prospects, or practice of another person.

- b) When reviewing the work of a colleague he will not issue unfavourable comments except with the knowledge of and after communication with such person, where such communication is possible.
  - c) He will refrain from expressing publicly an opinion on avalanche safety matters unless he is informed as to the facts relating thereto.
  - d) Unless his responsibility to the community requires him to do so, he will not express professional opinions which reflect on the ability or integrity of another person or organization.
  - e) If he/she considers that another Member of the Canadian Avalanche Association is guilty of unethical, illegal, or unfair practice, he/she will present the information to the Directors of the Association.
6. A Member will cooperate in extending the effectiveness of the profession by exchanging information and experience with fellow Members.
7. Professional and Active Members accept responsibility to undertake Continuing Professional Development to ensure the currency of their knowledge, skills and technical competencies within their areas of practice, to meet society and industry expectations.

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