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### **F. I. R. E. Service Code of Ethics**

**This Code of Ethics is intended to establish moral and professional obligations for the F.I.R.E. Certified Inspectors of the Fireplace Investigation, Research & Education Service.**

**These obligations apply to all Certified Individuals who perform or provide, but are not limited too, the following services. The independent inspections of existing gas and/or solid fuel burning fireplaces/appliances and/or chimneys, ventilation systems, new construction inspection, resale inspection, performance inspection, repair specifications, consulting, litigation support or fire investigations.**

This Code of Ethics also applies to those who are F.I.R.E. Certified but act only in the capacity as a manager for a company.

This Code of Ethics is not intended to create new civil cause of action. Nothing in this Code of Ethics shall be deemed to create, augment, diminish, or eliminate any substantive legal duty of the Inspectors or the non-disciplinary consequences of violating such a duty. In the event of any conflict between these Codes of Ethics and the substantive laws of your State, the substantive law shall take precedence.

Each Certified Inspector agrees to maintain a high standard of professionalism, independence, integrity, and fairness in all actions while in the performance of an inspection and related activities.

**This agreement does not limit or discard the individual Inspectors opinion. However there should be justification for this opinion, and this opinion should not reflect any monitory or outside influence.**

## **GENERAL DUTIES**

**These duties are applicable to all F.I.R.E. Certified Inspectors.**

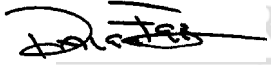
### **The Inspector Shall:**

1. Deal with the public in a professional manner without misrepresentation, conflict, or bias.
2. Use discretion in the conduct of business and disclosure of information.
3. Advertise, promote, and conduct business activities in a manner that reflects professionalism, independence, integrity, and fairness.
4. Refrain from making derogatory comments concerning the professional opinion of persons in the same or related fields.
5. Assist the general public in recognizing and understanding the need for a qualified inspection, regardless of the company or Inspector selected to perform the inspection.
6. Foster a competitive market and refrain from activities in conflict with the public interest.
7. Act in the interest of the client and the profession, to maintain and increase their level of knowledge regarding new developments in the field.
8. Maintain independence from outside influence and interest, which would compromise the ability to render a fair and impartial opinion on any inspection performed.
9. Disclose to the Client or their representative any real or potential conflict of interest as soon as the Inspector becomes aware of such conflict.
10. Cooperate with other F.I.R.E. Certified Inspector to ensure the continued promotion of the high standards of the Fireplace Investigation, Research & Education Service and the Certification Program.
11. Pledge to the continued pursuit of increased competence, fairness, education and knowledge necessary to maintain the confidence of the public and profession.

12. Refrain from representation as an expert or specialist unless specifically qualified and/or licensed as such.
13. Refrain from representation as a F.I.R.E. Certified Inspector unless currently in good standings as such.
14. Promptly and confidentially report in writing to the F.I.R.E. Service evidence of another F.I.R.E. Certified Inspector engaging in unethical practices or other violations of this Code of Ethics. This report shall cite the specific applicable section or sections of the Code of Ethics, which have allegedly been violated. The Assembled Ethics Committee shall not include the individual filing the report nor any local competitor of the Inspector in question. The Inspector in Question will be given fifteen days (15) to respond. All decisions shall be based on the merit of the evidence and any dispute provided. The findings of the Assembled Ethics Committee shall be final and binding on the affected parties.

Please sign where indicated at the bottom of this page. Your signature signifies your acceptance of the terms of the F.I.R.E. Service Code of Ethics and the conditions set forth by F.I.R.E. Service and the text above.

Print \_\_\_\_\_ Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Dale W. Feb / Executive Director**  
**Fireplace Investigation, Research & Education Service**

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