



## **Code of Ethics**

The Washington Association of Building Officials' Code of Ethics is established to provide guidance whether or not there is a rule in place. The protection of life, health and property is a solemn responsibility. Recognizing the public's trust bestowed upon individuals engaged in the administration and enforcement of building codes, WABO advocates commitment to a standard of professional behavior that strives for the highest levels of ethical conduct.

### **THE BUILDING OFFICIAL SHALL:**

Place the public's welfare above all other interests and recognize that the chief function of government is to serve the best interests of all the people in a transparent and compassionate manner.

Demonstrate integrity, honesty, humility and fairness in all transactions and constantly strive for excellence in all matters of ethical conduct.

Accept responsibility for actions taken and remain accountable to those we serve.

Act within the limits of our authority.

Accept no personal favors for public services rendered and conscientiously avoid all circumstances that could compromise or appear to compromise professional integrity.

Maintain competence in all areas of professional and personal growth through education and encourage the same in associates.

Recognize the continuing need for developing improved safety standards for the protection of life, health, and property, and acknowledge a professional obligation to contribute time and expertise in the development of such improvements.