



# WAHI

## WAHI Affiliate Member Code of Ethics

In order to maintain the integrity and high standards of skill and practice in the home inspection profession, the following rules of conduct and ethics shall be binding upon Affiliate membership in the Wisconsin Association of Home Inspectors, Inc. Each member shall recognize these ethics as principles that guide their conduct. It is the duty of all members to practice the profession according to this Code of Ethics.

1. Each affiliate member will act as an independent third party, and will discharge his duties with integrity and fidelity to the public with fairness and impartiality to all concerned parties.
2. Each affiliate member acting as a consultant shall promptly disclose to their client any interest in any other business that may affect the client, the quality or the result of the inspection that they may be called upon to perform. Each member will not knowingly use the inspection as a vehicle to intentionally obtain work.
3. Each affiliate member shall uphold the honor and dignity of their profession and avoid association with any enterprise of questionable character or an apparent conflict of interest.
4. Each affiliate member shall express an opinion only when it is based on practical experience and an honest conviction. Member shall consult only fields that he or she is licensed and/or credentialed in.
5. Each affiliate member shall always act in good faith towards all clients, sellers, buyers, agents and home inspectors.
6. Affiliate members shall understand the limitations of the Wisconsin Standards of Practice for Home Inspectors.
7. Each affiliate member shall not accept nor pay compensation, financial or otherwise, from or to more than one interested party, for the same service, on the same property, for the same client, without the consent of all interested parties.
8. Each affiliate member shall not be involved in any financial or equity relationships with any individual or organization involved in the sale of real estate.

9. Each affiliate member shall not accept nor offer commissions or allowances, directly or indirectly, from other parties dealing with their client in connection with work for which the member is responsible. Each affiliate member acting as a consultant shall promptly disclose to their client any interest in any other business that may affect the client, the quality or the result of the inspection that they may be called upon to perform. Each affiliate member will not knowingly use the inspection as a vehicle to intentionally obtain work. Each member acting as a consultant shall promptly disclose to their client any interest in any other business that may affect the client, the quality or the result of the inspection that they may be called upon to perform. Each member will not knowingly use the inspection as a vehicle to intentionally obtain work.. No affiliate member shall use scare tactics in an attempt to sell repair work. Scare tactics are defined as predictions of events unlikely to happen.
10. No affiliate member shall initiate a repair contract with the intent of selling additional work after the repair has started.
11. No affiliate member who has been hired as a consultant shall deliberately understate the necessary repairs or damage in order to assist a real estate agent, home inspector, homeowner or agent in the selling of a house.
12. Any affiliate members who do inspections shall report on the entire building system. The report shall indicate who hired them and any limitations imposed by the client in the scope of the inspection and/or report.
13. No affiliate member shall slander other member or other repair contractors.
14. Each affiliate member shall agree to inform the referring Home Inspector of findings and opinions.
15. Each affiliate member shall not inflame any issues or promote litigation against Home Inspectors.
16. Each affiliate member shall not express an appraisal or an opinion of the market value of the inspected property within the context of the inspection process.
17. Each affiliate member shall make every effort to uphold, maintain and improve the professional practice, integrity and reputation of the Wisconsin Association of Home Inspects, Inc., and the home inspection profession. Each member shall report any violation of this Code of Ethics to the Association for necessary action.
18. Each affiliate member shall use the Association logo and name with integrity and dignity.

Reports of violations of this Affiliate Member Code of Ethics shall be investigated by the Affiliate Committee. The committee shall conduct a hearing. The committee shall hear from both the complainant and the member complained against. If the committee determines that there has been a violation of the Code of Ethics a report shall be issued to the WAHI Board. If the WAHI Board affirms the decision a written notice shall be sent by certified mail to the accused member informing him or her of the findings. Accused member shall have 30 days to appeal the decision to the Affiliate Committee. The punishment for violation of the Affiliate Code of Ethics is expulsion from WAHI. Any remaining dues shall be prorated and refunded.