GAHI Code of Ethics



All inspector members are required to abide by this Code of Ethics:

- 1. Honesty, fairness and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with mutual interest among people, constitutes the foundation of ethics.
- 2. As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, the inspectors will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public and clients with fairness and impartiality to all. It is the duty of inspectors to interest themselves in public welfare and to apply their special knowledge to the benefit of mankind.
- **3.** Inspectors will express an opinion only when it is founded on adequate knowledge and honest conviction.
- **4.** Inspectors will report on visible conditions that are dangerous and threatening to life, limb, or property on work for which the inspector is responsible.
- **5.** Inspectors will have due regard for the safety for life and health of the public and others who may be affected by the work for which the inspector is responsible.
- **6.** Inspectors will not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service, or for services pertaining to the same work, without the consent of all interested parties. The inspection work may not be used as vehicle by the inspector to deliberately obtain additional work in another field.
- 7. Inspectors will always act in good faith toward each client.
- **8.** Inspectors will not disclose any information concerning the results of the inspection without the approval of the client or their representative, except to the Georgia Association of Home Inspectors, Inc. or its members.
- **9.** A. Inspectors will not accept compensation directly or indirectly, for recommending contractors, services, or products to inspection clients or other parties having an interest in inspected parties.
 - B. Inspectors will not offer compensation directly or indirectly, to other parties dealing with clients in connection with work on the inspected property.
- **10.** Inspectors shall not directly or indirectly compensate realty agents, or other parties having a financial interest in closing or settlement of real estate transactions, for the referral of inspections or for inclusion on a list of recommended inspectors, preferred providers, or similar arrangements.
- 11. Inspectors shall make every effort to uphold, maintain, and improve the professional integrity, reputation, and practice of the inspection industry. Inspectors will report all such relevant information, including violations of this code by other members, to the association for possible remedial action.