

## Code of Ethics

*The following is an excerpt from the Rules of Tennessee Commerce and Insurance Commission Division of Regulatory Boards; Chapter 0780-5-12; Home Inspectors. The official "Rule" is available on the Home Inspection Licensing Program's website:*

*<http://tennessee.gov/commerce/boards/hic/index.html>*

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- (1) Licensees shall discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their clients, and with fairness and impartiality to all.
- (2) Opinions expressed by licensees shall only be based on their education, experience, and honest convictions.
- (3) A licensee shall not disclose any information about the results of an inspection without the approval of the client for whom the inspection was performed, or the client's designated representative.
- (4) No licensee shall accept compensation or any other considerations from more than one interested party for the same service without the consent of all interested parties.
- (5) No licensee shall accept or offer commissions or allowances, directly or indirectly, from other parties dealing with the client in connection with a work for which the licensee is responsible.
- (6) No licensees shall express, within the context of an inspection, and appraisal or opinion on the market value of the inspected property.
- (7) The floor the execution of a contract to perform a home inspection, a licensee shall disclose to the client any interest in a business that may affect the client. No licensee shall allow his or her interest in any business to affect the quality or the results of the inspection work that the licensee may be called upon to perform.
- (8) Licensees shall not engage in false or misleading advertising or otherwise misrepresent any matters to the public.

