



CODE OF ETHICS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Each organization is different, and many have their own **code of ethics** staff members and volunteers abide by. The AHA proposes that all volunteers keep this universal **volunteer code** in mind:

- *As a **volunteer**, I realize that I am subject to a **code of ethics** similar to that which binds professionals in the field in which I work. I, like them, assume certain responsibilities and am accountable for any work that I undertake.*
- *I interpret "**volunteer**" to mean that I have agreed to work without compensation in money.*
- *However, having accepted a working role in this organization, I expect to do my work according to standards, just as paid staff would expect to do theirs.*
- *I will be: open-minded in my attitude toward my work; willing to be trained for my job; committed to the task at hand; consistent in maintaining communication with all appropriate staff.*
- *I believe that I have an obligation to my work, to those who direct it, to my colleagues, to those we serve, and to the public*

As an aide or volunteer at the AHA I will:

- A. Be proud of my position and use my best endeavors to elevate the standards of my performance so that I may merit a reputation for high quality of service--to the end that others may emulate my example.
- B. Be a person of integrity, clean speech, desirable personal habits and physical fitness.
- C. Be just in my criticism and be generous in my praise; to improve and not destroy.
- D. At all times consider myself in a highly sensitive and privileged position and conduct myself accordingly.
- E. Adhere meticulously not only to this Code of Ethics but also to other Code of Ethics of the AHA applicable to me.
- F. Be a resourceful person who readily adapts to different kinds of work and changed conditions and finds better ways to do things.
- G. Conduct myself in a spirit of friendly helpfulness to my colleagues to the end that I will consider no personal success legitimate or ethical which is secured by taking unfair advantage of another.
- H. Endeavor to improve my skills and competencies by participation in available inservice opportunities.
- I. Keep in confidence information that has been obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves professional purposes or is required by law.



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- J. Always uphold my obligations as a citizen to my country, province, and my community, and give them unswerving loyalty.