

## **SA SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL HISTORY: ETHICAL CODE**

1. Members will practice professional activities as far as possible in accordance with conservation and preservation principles. That implies that acknowledged research and cultural resource management principles and sustainability with regards to the subject under investigation will apply.
2. Members will endeavour to treat the subject under investigation with the highest cultural and historical integrity and strive to maintain this integrity as far as possible.
3. Members will be held personally responsible for the credibility and research results and data which is used.
4. Members will adhere to the legal prescriptions as contained in the National Heritage Resources Act (25 of 1999) and regulations issued by the national and relevant provincial and local authorities involved in heritage.
5. Members will co-operate with the authorities and report any threat to the South African cultural heritage to such authorities.
6. Members will not get involved in any illegal actions pertaining to the South African cultural heritage. That includes illicit trafficking.
7. Members should actively discourage the misapplication and faulty interpretation of their work.
8. Members will contribute to the general education of the community w.r.t. the conservation of the cultural heritage and ethical leadership in this regard. Simultaneously the community's values will be considered in the studying and conservation of the Cultural Heritage.
9. As far as possible, members must oppose projects which damage the cultural historical integrity of the landscape, or to turn them into conservation projects.
10. Members should handle all professional activities in an honest way and refrain from fraud, prejudice and the distortion of reality. This includes, amongst others, not to accept tasks which are not within the ability of the relevant Cultural Historian. Members, who are aware of such unethical behaviour by other members, should report it, with the necessary proof, to the Council of SASCH. The Council may cancel such a person's accreditation.
11. The SASCH is exempt of any misconduct by accredited members and will not be held responsible for the actions of its accredited members.