



Code of Ethics

A social worker

- *shall maintain the best interest of the client as the primary professional obligation.*
- *shall respect the intrinsic worth of the persons served in professional relationships with them.*
- *shall carry out professional duties and obligations with integrity and objectivity.*
- *shall have and maintain competence in the provision of social work services to a client.*
- *shall not exploit the relationship with a client for personal benefit, gain or gratification.*
- *shall protect the confidentiality of all professionally acquired information, by disclosing such information only when required or allowed by law to do so, or when clients have consented to disclosure.*
- *who engages in another profession, occupation, affiliation or calling shall not allow these outside interests to affect the social work relationship with the client professional judgment, independence and/or competence.*
- *shall not provide social work services or otherwise behave in a manner that discredits the profession of social work or diminishes the public's trust in the profession.*
- *shall promote service, program, and/or agency practices and policies that are consistent with this Code of Ethics and the Standards of Practice of the Board of Registration for Social Workers in British Columbia.*
- *shall promote excellence in the profession.*
- *shall advocate change in the best interest of the client, and for the overall benefit of society.*