



ASIAN FORENSIC SCIENCES NETWORK CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct provides a general guide for forensic practitioners employed by members of AFSN in handling and examining evidence, preparing case records and giving expert testimony in court.

1. Maintain honesty, integrity, objectivity and impartiality.
2. Treat all information from an agency or client with the appropriate confidentiality.
3. Treat all evidence with care and control to ensure their integrity.
4. Utilise appropriate methods, techniques, standards and controls that are generally accepted and current.
5. Keep detailed case examination notes on all evidence, the examinations done, the results obtained and the findings and conclusions reached for as long as is possible or at least during the currency of any relevant legal proceedings.
6. Accept full responsibility for all work done under one's supervision and which is within one's expertise.
7. Opinions should be expressed in simple, precise and unambiguous terms and distinctions made between such opinions and results of tests and examinations.
8. Reports will be signed only by the persons who have either carried out the work or have directly or indirectly supervised it.
9. Testify in court in an impartial, straightforward manner within the limits of the field of expertise or the level of competence.
10. Be prepared to reconsider and, if necessary, change one's advice, conclusions or opinion, in the light of new information or new developments in the relevant field, and inform the relevant client and employer promptly of any such changes made.
11. Carry out all duties in a professional manner.
12. No services should be rendered where the fee is dependent on the outcome of the examination.
13. Regard and respect peers.
14. Maintain professional competency by keeping abreast with advances in the discipline.