

# HOME INSPECTORS NIGERIA

## Code of Ethics for the Home Inspection Profession

Welcome to the Home Inspection Code of Ethics Manual, a foundational document guiding the ethical conduct and responsibilities of home inspectors. Upholding integrity, honesty, and professionalism, this manual outlines the principles and standards that govern our interactions with clients, colleagues, and the public. With a commitment to impartiality, confidentiality, and accuracy, inspectors adhere to strict guidelines to ensure transparency and trustworthiness in all aspects of their work. By promoting fairness, respect, and accountability, this manual fosters a culture of integrity within the home inspection profession, enhancing confidence and satisfaction for both inspectors and their clients.

- 1) Inspectors shall avoid conflicts of interest or activities that compromise, or appear to compromise, professional independence, and objectivity or inspector integrity.
  - a) Inspectors shall not inspect properties for compensation in which they have, or expect to have, a financial or vested interest of any kind.
  - b) Inspectors shall promptly and fully disclose to the client any interest in a business that may potentially affect the quality of the inspection work to be performed.
  - c) The inspection shall not be used as a vehicle to garner additional work in another field.
  - d) Inspectors shall not perform inspections under contingency arrangements whereby any compensation or future referrals are dependent on reported findings or the future sale of the property.
  - e) Inspectors shall not directly or indirectly compensate realty agents, brokers, or other parties having a financial vested interest in the closing or settlement of real estate transactions, for the future referral of inspections or for the inclusion on a list of “preferred” providers/inspectors or similar arrangements that may appear to compromise the above-mentioned principles.
  - f) Inspectors shall not accept compensation, directly or indirectly, from more than one party unless agreed to by all parties involved.
  - g) Inspectors shall not accept compensation, directly or indirectly, for referring or recommending contractors, service providers, and/or products to inspection clients or any other party having an interest in the property being inspected.

2. Inspectors shall act in good faith to all.

a) Inspectors shall only perform inspection services, accompanied with expressed opinions, based on genuine conviction within their limits of education, training, and experience.

b) Inspectors shall always be objective in their reporting and not knowingly overstate or understate the significance of observed conditions.

c) Inspectors shall not disclose inspection results, property, or client information without client approval.

d) Inspectors shall report/disclose to the occupants, or their agents, any apparent serious defect that creates an imminent potential for harm arising from exposure to the defect.

3. Inspectors shall avoid activities that may harm the public, discredit themselves, or reduce public confidence in the profession or a fellow member.

a) Inspectors shall refrain from advertising, promoting, or marketing of inspection services, designations, or qualifications that are fraudulent, false, deceptive, or misleading.

b) Inspectors shall make every effort to uphold, maintain, and improve the professional integrity, reputation, and practices of the home inspection profession.

4. Duty to the profession and industry:

a) Inspectors shall strive to meet and maintain the ideals and goals of the home inspection industry.

b) Inspectors shall refrain from engaging in any act or practice that would be deemed harmful, libelous, or damaging to the industry or fellow Inspectors.

c) Inspectors shall abide by the national industry, Standards of practices, and policy documents.

d) Inspectors shall display the industry trademarks, logos, and designations in the approved manner only.