

A professional interpreter adheres to a code of ethics

1. The interpreter shall be bound by professional secrecy.
2. The interpreter shall not misuse any information that he or she may have become aware of in connection with an interpreting assignment.
3. The interpreter shall not accept an assignment where there is a conflict of interest.
4. The interpreter shall not accept an assignment for which he or she is not sufficiently qualified.
5. The interpreter shall prepare for the assignment carefully and in time.
6. The interpreter shall interpret comprehensively, without omitting anything or adding anything irrelevant.
7. The interpreter shall be an impartial mediator of the message and shall not allow personal feelings, attitudes and opinions to affect his or her performance.
8. The interpreter shall not act as an assistant or advocate for those being interpreted and shall not be obliged to discharge any duties other than interpreting during the assignment.
9. The interpreter shall behave as required in each specific situation and assignment.
10. The interpreter shall report any aspects that essentially hinder interpreting during an interpreting situation.
11. The interpreter shall not act so as to harm his or her profession.
12. The interpreter shall continuously develop his or her professional skills.

