

ASLIA Code of Ethics



This Code of Ethics defines the principles of professional practice for all members of the Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association (ASLIA) and should be read in conjunction with the document, Guidelines for the Application of the ASLIA Code of Ethics. These two documents may be considered in association with the Code Of Ethics of the Australian Institute of Interpreters and Translators. (AUSIT).

1. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Australian Sign Language Interpreters (hereinafter called 'Interpreters') shall be unobtrusive, but firm and dignified at all times. All participants in the interpreted setting shall be considered clients of the Interpreter.

2. CONFIDENTIALITY

Interpreters shall keep all assignment related information confidential.

3. COMPETENCE

Interpreters shall accept assignments using discretion with regard to skill, setting and clients involved.

4. IMPARTIALITY

Interpreters shall not counsel, advise or interject personal opinions.

5. ACCURACY

Interpreters shall render the message faithfully, always conveying the content of the message and the spirit of the speaker, using language most readily understood by the person(s) whom they serve.

6. EMPLOYMENT

Interpreters shall request compensation for services in a professional and judicious manner.

7. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Interpreters shall continually strive to maintain and further their knowledge, skill and professional competence.

8. PROFESSIONAL SOLIDARITY

Interpreters shall support and further the interests of their profession and colleagues by fostering trust and mutual respect.

9. PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE

When making public statements Interpreters shall clarify if speaking as a private individual or an authorised representative of the Australian Sign Language Interpreters' Association.