

PRCA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM CODE OF EHTICS

for

Certified Inspectors and Certified Qualified Instructors

PRCA certified inspectors and instructors are expected to make serious efforts to safeguard the health, safety and wellbeing of the public and employees utilizing challenge courses, aerial adventure parks, zip lines and canopy tours, to maintain their integrity and high level of skills, practices and conduct in the completion of their duties.

PRCA certified inspectors and instructors shall be conscious of and comply with the following rules and codes with the understanding that unauthorized practices are subject to review by the Certification Examination Board and may result in suspension, reprimand or revocation of a certification.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Certified Inspectors and Instructors will advance the integrity and safety of the industry by:

- 1) Utilizing their knowledge, skills and training for the furtherance of public safety;
- 2) Honesty and impartiality serving the public, their employers and clients;
- 3) And making every effort to increase the competency of the challenge course, aerial adventure pas, zip line and canopy tour industry.

FUNDAMENTAL CODES

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall place the safety, health and welfare of the public as the primary goal in the performance of their duties.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall be honest and trustworthy in the performance of their professional duties.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall only perform services within their areas of competence and experience.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall continue their professional development and afford opportunities for for the professional development others under their supervision and within the industry.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall act as faithful agents / trustees in all professional matters for employers and/or clients.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall avoid conflicts of interests or the appearance of conflicts of interests in all of their professional activities.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall endeavor to develop their professional reputation on the merits of their services.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not unfairly compete with others nor restrict the trade of others.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall only associate with reputable persons or organizations.

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall conduct their duties in accordance with the ANSI/PRCA 1.0-3-2014 American National Safety Standards and other applicable standards, regulations and laws. (E.g. ANSI, OSHA, ASTM).

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall only make public statements in an objective and truthful manner with the authorization of their employer and to support the integrity and honor of the challenge course, aerial adventure park, zip line and canopy tour industry and other certified inspectors and instructors.

RULES

I. Integrity:

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall act with integrity in all professional matters and be honest with their employer(s), regulator, clients, the Certification Examination Board, the PRCA Board of Directors or its representatives, on matters pertaining to these code and rules and the performance of their professional duties.

II. Responsibility to the Public:

Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall act in the interests of the safety, health and well-being of the public by performing their duties in a conscientious and impartial manner to the best of their moral and civic responsibilities and qualifications. This shall be accomplished by:

- a) Accepting and performing assignments for which they are qualified by training, experience and capability.
- b) Presenting identification and credentials upon request.
- c) Never falsely representing the current status or level of their certification. Never altering or modifying credentials.
- d) Being completely objective, complete and factual in any professional statement, written or verbal report, statements or testimony regarding the work/services performed.
- e) Only sign for work that the Certified Inspector / Instructor has personally performed or directly supervised.
- f) Never knowingly participate in or conceal fraudulent, illegal or dishonest actions or activities.

III. Public Statements:

- a) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall issue no statements, criticisms or arguments on professional matters connected with public policy which were initiated by or paid for by an interested party without first identifying the party, yourself and the connection to the party, and disclosing any personal financial interest.
- b) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not publicly express an opinion on their professional actions unless it is founded upon adequate factual knowledge; is based upon their competency as relevant to the subject matter, and with considered conviction of the accuracy of the statement.
- c) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not falsely or maliciously injure or attempt to injure the reputation or business of others. Nor shall they engage in any trade restrictive activities.

- d) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not injure or attempt to injure the reputation of the PRCA, other PRCA Certified professionals, or the challenge course, aerial adventure park, zip line and canopy tour industry.

IV. Conflict of Interest:

- a) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall avoid any conflicts of interests with their employer or clients and shall disclose any business association, or circumstance that might be considered as such.
- b) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not accept any compensation from more than one party for identical services on the same project unless the activity and remuneration are fully disclosed and agreed to by all parties.
- c) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not solicit or accept gratuities or gifts associated with their professional services.

V. Solicitation of Employment:

- a) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not pay, solicit, nor offer, directly or indirectly, any bribe or commission for professional employment. Legal commissions paid to licensed employment agencies is exempted from this rule.
- b) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall neither falsify, exaggerate, nor misrepresent their personal academic or professional qualifications, past work performance or responsibilities, or those of the Certification Holders' employer or associates. Any misrepresentation of current certification status, at the time of or immediately subsequent to, a submission of requested employment information, OR in the solicitation of business wherein a current certification is either required or inherently beneficial (including but not limited to advertisements for training courses, inspection, consulting services, etc.) shall constitute a violation of this rule.
- c) Certified Inspectors and Instructors credentials may only be used for use within the challenge course, aerial adventure park, zip line and canopy tour industry. The PRCA has not qualified persons for other activities outside of this industry.
- d) Certified Inspectors and Instructors shall not disclose proprietary or confidential information, (i.e., commercially valuable information not generally known) concerning business affairs, technical processes, intellectual property (manuals, designs, etc.) of a present or former employer or client, without their express written consent, except as necessary in the performance of their duties or as required by law.

VI. Responsibility for Reporting:

Certified Inspectors and Instructors have a responsibility to report to the Certification Committee verifiable knowledge of unauthorized practices, rules violations or improper actions by another certified Inspector or Instructor or any other party falsely claiming to hold a PRCA certification as an Inspector or Instructor.

VII. Unauthorized Practice:

Any violation of any part of this this Code of Ethics if related to a Certificate Holder's occupation, including any violation of the rules contained in this document, shall constitute an unauthorized practice subject to the imposition of sanctions up to an including revocation of Certifications and endorsements.