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# FITSI Code of Ethics Handbook



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of Ethics for  
stakeholders of the  
Federal IT Security  
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## 1. Overview

This document details the Code of Ethics that the Federal IT Security Institute (FITSI) uses. It includes eight canons or principles that all individuals associated with FITSI are expected to adhere to follow.

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<http://www.fitsi.org/documents>.

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## **2. Applicability**

The principles promoted in this FITSI Code of Ethics Handbook apply to the following categories of individuals associated with FITSI: members of the FITSI Board of Directors, FITSI officers, FITSI employees, FITSI consultants, FITSI volunteers, FITSI certification holders, FITSI associate members, FITSI founding members, and FITSI certified members.

These categories of individuals are collectively known as FITSI stakeholders.

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### **3. FITSI Code of Ethics**

All FITSI stakeholders must adhere and subscribe to the following Code of Ethics:

1. Endeavor to protect the nation's citizens, information systems, information, processes, and facilities.
2. Maintain a high level of personal integrity in any and all transactions with customers, stakeholders, colleagues, and acquaintances.
3. Maintain the confidentiality of all sensitive information (i.e., Personally Identifiable Information) such that it does not create unnecessary risk for people and organizations.
4. Refuse to engage in intentional activities that affect the availability of any and all IT systems and processes; both personally and professionally.
5. Promote research and sharing of ideas and information that are worthy of such action. Give back to the community by adding value when possible.
6. Refuse to foster FUD (Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt) in any and all interactions with both personal and professional relationships.
7. Avoid conflicts of interest and recuse oneself when appropriate.
8. Mentor and teach whenever possible.

Violations of any of these Code of Ethics can be grounds for revocation of employment, board participation, volunteer work, membership and / or certification status in FITSI.

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