



Code of Conduct

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Foreword

The Royal Society of Chemistry is the professional body for chemical scientists. Under our Royal Charter we have accountability for advancement and certification of competence in chemical science, and maintaining the integrity of our members¹. Our members voluntarily commit to a code of professional conduct and high standards in their practice of chemistry.

We expect all members to uphold the reputation of the Royal Society of Chemistry and our Royal Charter as well as the reputation of the profession. There are disciplinary regulations and procedures in place to maintain these high professional standards.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to help members deal with the demands on their working lives, and any ethical problems that may arise. We are always willing to help our members who have doubts on aspects of conduct of any course of action, and can offer guidance if necessary.

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The Trustees of the Royal Society of Chemistry have adopted the following code of conduct to uphold high standards of ethical practice. In doing so we will raise the level of public trust and confidence through positive contributions to the advancement of the chemical sciences.

1. This Code of Conduct is applicable to all members (Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members).
2. All members have a duty to:
 - observe the provision of the Charter and By-laws of the Royal Society of Chemistry and any regulations made under them,
 - conduct themselves honourably and with integrity in the practice of their profession,
 - maintain the highest standards of competence, especially in carrying out any statutory duties relevant to a particular appointment or area of employment,
 - have regard at all times to the public interest, encourage inclusivity and protect the dignity and welfare of the community,
 - Respect others at all times, and fulfil duties in a fair manner by being aware of, and limiting any biases,
 - further the interests of and maintain the reputation and welfare of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Members will upon admission and renewal sign the following declaration (as required under By-law 4.8):

"I, the undersigned, do hereby declare that, while a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, I will observe the provisions of the Charter and By-laws and all relevant constitutional and regulatory provisions, and adhere to the provisions of the Code of Conduct

3. In order to meet their duty under this Code, members should refer to the Guide to Ethics, together with advice on specific issues, and shall conform to any rulings on such matters that may be approved and issued from time to time by the RSC Board of Trustees.
 4. The Royal Society of Chemistry has a disciplinary process for members that do not adhere to this code of conduct. [rsc.li/3cWezhL](https://www.rsc.li/3cWezhL)
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