



Code of Ethics

Individuals practicing in the field of Firearm and Toolmark Identification will be guided by those practices and procedures which are generally recognized within the discipline to be consistent with a high level of professionalism. In the absence of specific practices or procedures, the principal spirit and intent of this code should be met.

- Refrain from personal or professional conduct which is not in the best interest of the profession.
- Provide a complete and accurate representation of the education, training, experience, or areas of expertise.
- Treat evidence with the care and control necessary to ensure its integrity.
- Ensure that all analytical methods and procedures used are appropriate, accurate, reliable, and accepted by the relevant scientific community.
- Refrain from knowingly misrepresenting data upon which expert opinion or conclusion is based.
- Reporting of results, conclusions and opinions must be supported by sufficiently detailed records to allow meaningful review and assessment by an independent person competent in the field.
- Testify in an impartial manner to promote the understanding of the results, conclusions and opinions.