

South Carolina Association of Residential Care Homes

Code of Ethics

As a member of the SC Association of Residential Care Homes, we recognize our responsibility to provide quality care to the individuals whom we serve in our residential facilities. We recognize our additional responsibility to act in the highest ethical and professional manner in our interactions with colleagues, with the public, private agencies and with the community. In accepting these responsibilities, we subscribe to the following professional standards of conduct:

1. All our policies, programs and practices shall respect the dignity and individual needs of each resident;
2. We shall provide residential care as a public trust which requires integrity, compassion, a commitment to service, and a sense of education to the task;
3. We will manage the personal funds of residents entrusted to us in an honest manner;
4. We will maintain our facilities so that they will provide a safe, healthy and socially enriching environment.
5. We will not discriminate because of race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap or national ancestry, and work to prevent such discriminations;
6. We will conform to civil laws and regulations as they pertain to the governance of our facilities;
7. We shall accept the responsibility for working toward the creation and maintenance of standards which promote and enhance the residential care field;
8. We shall recognize our professional responsibility to add ideas, findings, concepts, understanding, knowledge, and practice to the body of residential care;
9. We shall support the principle that professional practice and service require continued education and experience;
10. We shall assist in helping to protect the community and the individual against unethical or inappropriate practices by any other individuals or organizations engaged in residential care.

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