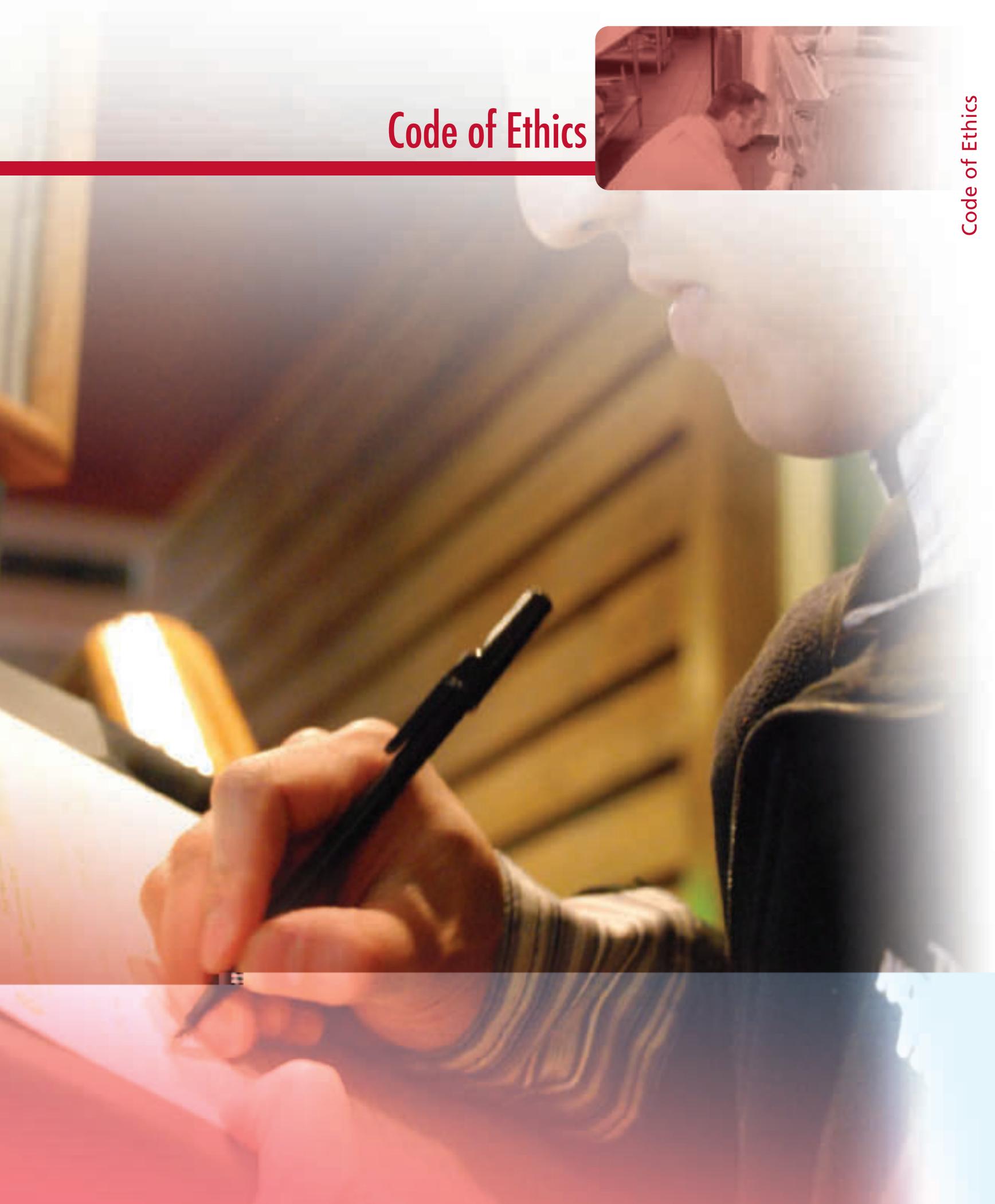


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CIPHI Vision: Health Protection: Cornerstone of Public Health

Mission Statement: CIPHI advances the profession, science and field of Environmental Public Health (EPH) through certification, advocacy, education and setting standards. We protect the the health of Canadians by representing environmental public health professionals across Canada.

1. Preamble

All members of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) have moral obligations relating to their professional practice in return for the trust given to them by society. They are obliged to uphold the law and to act to protect the public's health. Members are required to follow the Constitution, the By-Laws, and the Standards of Practice of CIPHI. All members must conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the environmental public health profession and practice in accordance with these fundamental principles and ethics.

2. Principles

Principle 1: Promoting Justice

Environmental Public Health Professionals (EHPs) are dedicated in their care and commitment to the public. Each member respects that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, or social distinction. EHPs shall uphold the principles of justice by safeguarding human rights, equity, and fairness by promoting the public good.

Principle 2: Being Accountable

EHPs are accountable for their actions and answerable for their practice. As a member, an individual must practice with integrity, honesty, and loyalty to CIPHI and the profession. Collectively, members have an obligation to the public - whose trust they hold - and to safeguard these interests honestly and wisely. Each member practices under conditions that neither compromise professional standards, nor impose such conditions on others.

Principle 3: Maintaining Privacy & Confidentiality

EPHPs recognize the importance of privacy and confidentiality. They safeguard personal, family, corporate, and community information obtained in the context of a professional relationship. Members are aware and respectful of privacy laws designed to protect and preserve people's right to privacy.

Principle 4: Promoting Evidence-Informed Decision Making

Members have an obligation to the sciences and arts for the advancement of the field of environmental public health. They shall continuously search for truths; refine their professional practice through ongoing inquiry, dialogue, and reflection; and disseminate their findings for the benefit of all. Members are committed to basing their practice and policy work on reliable sources of health evidence. In the absence of conclusive health evidence and in the face of uncertain risk, EPHPs will follow the precautionary principle to safeguard the public they serve and will uphold a high degree of Health Protection.

Principle 5: Promoting Health, Well-Being & Collaboration

Each member collaborates with other health professionals and stakeholders to achieve the best possible outcomes for clients and communities by understanding and placing value on the individual roles and contributions of others.

Principle 6: Competent Practice

EPHPs strive to be current in their professional knowledge and recognize its relationship to practice. Members apply the knowledge, skills, and experience needed in carrying out their duties in the field. Practitioners actively participate in and adhere to the objectives and requirements of the Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) Program as it relates to their respective scope of practice. They strive to keep themselves fully informed of the broader advancements in the field of public health. Professional practice and self-directed learning are informed by experience, research, collaboration, and knowledge.