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The Society of Toxicology is dedicated to developing and communicating knowledge to improve the health and safety of living beings and to protect the environment upon which we depend.

To attain this objective, each Member must maintain high ethical standards, recognize a duty to share this knowledge with the public, and be a thoughtful advocate for human, animal, and environmental health. To this purpose, this code requires a personal commitment.

Society of Toxicology Members Shall:

- Conduct their work with objectivity and themselves with integrity. Being honest and truthful in reporting and communicating their research.
- Hold as inviolate that credible science is fundamental to all toxicological research and is the basis for communicating results.
- Recognize a duty to communicate information concerning health, safety, and toxicity in a timely and responsible manner, with due regard for the significance and credibility of the available data.
- Give due consideration to the ethical, legal, social, and policy implications of their research and communications.
- Be a thoughtful advocate for human, animal, and environmental health.
- Abstain from professional judgments influenced by undisclosed conflict of interest, disclose any material conflicts of interest, and avoid situations that imply a conflict of interest.
- Observe the spirit, as well as the letter of laws, regulations, and ethical standards with regard to the conduct of human and animal research.
- Practice high standards of environmental and occupational health, and safety for the benefit of themselves, their co-workers, their families, their communities, and society as a whole.
- Provide equal opportunity and equal consideration to all members without regard to sex, gender identity or expression, race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion or religious belief, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disabilities, or veteran status.