
IPE GLOBAL CENTRE FOR KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPMENT, NEW DELHI

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

1. OBJECTIVE

To provide guidance to all employees of IPE Global Centre for Knowledge and Development (IPE CKD) (hereinafter referred to as, “the company”) on how and in which manner should they conduct themselves while at work.

2. SCOPE

The Code of Conduct is applicable to all employees of IPE CKD.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

At IPE CKD, employees are expected to maintain the highest standard of conduct at all times. Their personal appearance, their actions, and the impressions they make both during and after office hours are important to their growth and to the enhancement of the reputation of the employee and the company. It is therefore expected that they would conduct themselves as per the high standards of social and corporate citizenship. Any lapse in this regard may call for disciplinary action as per the existing norms of the company.

The circumstances of conducts as set out below, although not exhaustive, are intended to cover situations that may occur. In case an employee encounters any circumstance, which is not covered hereunder or in case of any doubt, he should seek guidance from the Human Resource Department and act accordingly.

i. Personal Conduct

Working in a team would require some alignment of individual habits to create a mutually conducive work environment. It is every employee’s responsibility to refrain from the following:

- Use of abusive language with friends / colleagues
- Loud talking disturbing work in the office
- Sending unsolicited mails.

Every employee is expected to treat clients and colleagues with respect and courtesy.

ii. Conflict of Interest

As a part of the IPE CKD, employees are expected not to engage themselves, directly or indirectly, either honorary or on remuneration, in any service, trade, business, vocation or occupation (including agent of any organisation) or in any advisory capacity. All employees must abide by the Conflict of Interest (CoI) Policy (documented separately).

iii. Confidentiality

The Company owns certain exclusive proprietary information which is valuable. Misuse or unauthorized disclosure of any confidential information would constitute an act injurious to Company and that the unauthorized disclosure or use of any confidential information may adversely affect the Company's business, competitive position, and goodwill.

By signing the Offer & Appointment letter at the time of joining the company, employees are bound by a confidentiality and non-solicitation agreement to refrain from disclosing any information that is of confidential nature. This shall apply while the employee is in employment of the company and post separation until such information becomes part of public domain.

iv. Talking to Media

Employees are refrained from talking to media unless authorised by the management.

v. Compliance with Rules & Regulations

The employees are expected to follow the following rules and regulations. In case an employee is found to be not observing the same the company would apply the disciplinary policy.

Employees are expected to adhere to all rules/policies/instructions / notices applicable.

Employees are discouraged from making false complaints, statements, and representation to anybody that is likely to bring the company into disrepute, disrespect, or defamation in the eyes of the public or in the eyes of law.

Employees are expected to be absent only when their leave has been sanctioned and are not allowed to overstay beyond sanctioned leave.

Employees are expected to receive/ accept official communication.

Employees are not expected to distribute or exhibiting of newspapers, handbills, pamphlets, or posters of any kind inside the company premises without the written sanction of the management.

Employees should not raise false grievance.

vi. Gifts

The company as a matter of policy discourages its employees to take the clients out for diner/ drinks and give them gifts.

IPE CKD does not support the action of employees securing material benefits from any institution/individual for the purpose of securing projects or for any other benefits. If any employee is found resorting to such means, then legal action would be taken by the company.

The company strongly prohibits its employees from offering bribes to any authorities/institutions and hence would not support such acts of misconduct.

Likewise, any gifts received by any person from a client, vendor, or any other party must be brought to the notice of the management and handed over to the company. The only exceptions are diary, calendar, and planners.

However, the company encourages its employees to send greeting cards/email to its external client during Diwali/ New Year. For this, each year, the company prepares greeting cards with company logo. Each employee would send their request to the Corporate Communication Department at least 45 days before Diwali or New Year, so that the cards/e-cards can be sent to them. Standard formats for email greetings should be used.

vii. Fraud

Employees should produce genuine and authentic bills to seek reimbursements for travel, food, medical, petrol, etc. **If found guilty strict action will be taken, including termination from the services of the company.**

Employees should provide accurate personal information regarding the name, age, father's name, qualifications, previous service any other personal data sought at the time of confirming the employment to IPE CKD or thereafter.

All employees must abide by the Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy (documented separately).

viii. Bullying at workplace

IPE CKD as a policy condemns any act of bullying at workplace. Workplace bullying would include any act which falls under the following points:

- a) Threatening, humiliating, or intentionally intimidating an individual at workplace by acts such as violence, blackmailing etc.
- b) Any kind of verbal abuse including shouting or raising your voice in public or in private
- c) Publicly humiliating an employee in any manner including spreading rumours or defaming someone
- d) Any action that prevents any employee from completing/getting their work done
- e) Any kind of personal insult, mocking, using obscene gestures or addressing an employee with offensive nicknames
- f) To not allow an employee to speak or express himself (For example interrupting or ignoring an individual).

IPE CKD condemns all the actions mentioned above and is strictly against any act of bullying at workplace. Any employee who performs an act of bullying at workplace would be breaching the anti-bullying policy of the company and would be subject to disciplinary action if proved guilty.