

3rd DRAFT: Ethics and Professional Interpreter's Code (EPiC)

1. COLLABORATION
2. CONDUCT
3. COMPETENCE
4. COMMITMENT

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

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Deaf & Hearing Interpreters are bound to the principles of confidentiality

Confidentiality is protected by following the model principles of privacy and protection.

PRIVACY

Deaf & Hearing Interpreters shall fully respect and guard users' right to privacy and confidentiality in all aspects related to the users or assignment.

- Ex. 1: Treat all interpreting related information as strictly confidential, except that partial disclosures may be made to the minimum extent possible when necessary to schedule work, as required by law, or by the request of Deaf users.
- Ex. 2: Discuss any feedback or issues related to interpreting experiences without divulging confidential information such as through the use of hypotheticals and/or pseudonyms.
- Ex. 3: Refrain from divulging information related to the user's identity or personality at all times.

PROTECTION

Deaf & Hearing Interpreters shall ensure protection of users' trust and confidence placed in them as communication facilitators

- Ex. 1: Interpreters shall confirm with users during assignments any potentially sensitive or controversial statements made to be able to properly interpret and reflect the users' true intentions while facilitating across cultures.
- Ex. 2: Intervene whenever the life or safety of the Deaf user is endangered, such as relaying critical information to the deaf user.
- Ex. 3: Reserve the choice to deny or discontinue assignments if working conditions are not safe, healthy, or conducive to interpreting.