# Code of Ethics for LPNs

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Ensuring safe, competent, and ethical nursing practice in B.C.

## SAFE, COMPETENT AND ETHICAL CARE

LPNs value the ability to provide safe, competent and ethical care that allows them to fulfill their clinical and professional obligations to the people they serve.

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

LPNs value health promotion and the well-being of clients, colleagues, all members of the healthcare team and themselves. LPNs value assisting persons to achieve their optimum level of health in situations of health, illness, injury, disability and at life's end.

## CHOICE

LPNs respect and promote the autonomy of individuals and help them to express their health needs and values and also to obtain desired information and services so they can make informed decisions.

## DIGNITY & RESPECT

LPNs demonstrate dignity and respect in their professional practice. LPNs recognize and respect the inherent worth of each person and advocate for respectful treatment of all individuals.

## CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

LPNs safeguard information learned in the context of a professional relationship and ensure it is shared outside the healthcare team only with the person's informed consent, or as may be legally required, or where the failure to disclose would cause significant harm to the individual and others.

## JUSTICE

LPNs uphold principles of equity and fairness to assist persons in receiving a share of health services and resources proportionate to their needs and in promoting social justice.

## INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

LPNs are answerable for their practice. LPNs act with integrity, in a manner consistent with their Standards of Practice and their professional accountability.

## QUALITY PRACTICE ENVIRONMENTS

LPNs value and advocate for practice environments that have the organizational structures and resources to ensure safety, support and respect for all persons in the work setting.

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