

Stargate Scientific
Code of Conduct

Agreed on

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General Code of Conduct Requirements:

Stargate Scientific and its employees must, always, comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The Organization will not condone the activities of employees who achieve results through violation of the law or unethical business dealings. This includes any payments for illegal acts, indirect contributions, rebates, and bribery. The Organization does not permit any activity that fails to stand the closest possible public scrutiny.

All business conduct should be well above the minimum standards required by law. Accordingly, employees must ensure that their actions cannot be interpreted as being, in any way, in contravention of the laws and regulations governing the Organization's operations. Employees uncertain about the application or interpretation of any legal requirements should refer the matter to their supervisor, who, if necessary, should seek appropriate legal advice.

General Employee Conduct:

Stargate Scientific expects its employees to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Drinking, gambling, fighting, swearing, and similar unprofessional activities are strictly prohibited while on the job. Employees must not engage in sexual harassment or conduct themselves in a way that could be construed as such, for example, by using inappropriate language, keeping or posting inappropriate materials in their work area, or accessing inappropriate materials on their computer.

Conflicts of Interest:

Stargate Scientific expects that employees will perform their duties conscientiously, honestly, and in accordance with the best interests of the Organization. Employees must not use their position, or the knowledge gained because of their position for private or personal advantage. Regardless of the circumstances, if employees sense that a course of action they have pursued, or are presently pursuing, or are contemplating pursuing may involve them in a conflict of interest with their employer, they should immediately communicate all the facts to their supervisor.

Directorships:

All employees share a serious responsibility for Stargate Scientific's good public relations, especially at the community level. Their readiness to help with religious, charitable, educational, and civic activities brings credit to the Organization and is encouraged. Employees must, however, avoid acquiring any business interest or participating in any other activity outside the Organization that would, or would appear to:

- Create an excessive demand upon their time and attention, thus depriving the Organization of their best efforts on the job.
- Create a conflict of interest - an obligation, interest, or distraction - that may interfere with the independent exercise of judgment in the Organization's best interest.

Relationships with Clients and Suppliers:

Employees should avoid investing in or acquiring a financial interest for their own accounts in any business organization that has a contractual relationship with the Stargate Scientific, or that provides goods or services, or both, to Stargate Scientific if such investment or interest could influence or create the impression of influencing their decisions in the performance of their duties on behalf of Stargate Scientific.

Gifts, Entertainment, and Favours:

Employees must not accept entertainment, gifts, or personal favours that could, in any way, influence, or appear to influence, business decisions in favour of any person or organization with whom or with which Stargate Scientific has, or is likely to have, business dealings. Similarly, employees must not accept any other preferential treatment under these circumstances because their position with Stargate Scientific might be inclined to, or be perceived to, place them under obligation to return the preferential treatment.

Secret Commissions:

Regarding the Stargate Scientific's business activities, employees may not receive payment or compensation of any kind, except as authorized under the Stargate Scientific's business and payroll policies. Stargate Scientific strictly prohibits the acceptance of secret commissions from suppliers or others. Any breach of this rule will result in a disciplinary hearing.

Organization Funds and Other Assets:

Employees who have access to Stargate Scientific's funds in any form must follow the prescribed procedures for recording, handling, and protecting money as detailed in the Organization's policies and procedures or other explanatory materials, or both. The Organization imposes strict standards to prevent fraud and dishonesty. If employees become aware of any evidence of fraud and dishonesty, they should immediately advise their supervisor or seek appropriate legal guidance so that the Organization can promptly investigate further.

When an employee's position requires spending Stargate Scientific's funds or incurring any reimbursable personal expenses, that individual must use good judgment on the Organization's behalf to ensure that good value is received for every expenditure. Organization funds and all other assets of the Organization are purposed for the Organization only and not for personal benefit. This includes the personal use of organizational assets, such as computers.

Organization Records and Communications:

Accurate and reliable records of many kinds are necessary to meet the Stargate Scientific's legal and financial obligations and to manage the affairs of the Organization. The Organization's books and records must reflect in an accurate and timely manner all business transactions. The employees responsible for accounting and recordkeeping

must fully disclose and record all assets, liabilities, or both, and must exercise diligence in enforcing these requirements.

Employees must not make or engage in any false record or communication of any kind, whether internal or external, including but not limited to:

- False expense, attendance, production, financial, or similar reports and statements
- False advertising, deceptive marketing practices, or other misleading representations

Dealing with Outside People and Organizations:

Employees must take care to separate their personal roles from their Organization positions when communicating on matters not involving Organization business. Employees must not use organization identification, stationery, supplies, and equipment for personal or political matters. When communicating publicly on matters that involve Organization business, employees must not presume to speak for the Organization on any topic, unless they are certain that the views they express are those of the Organization, and it is the Organization's desire that such views be publicly disseminated. When dealing with anyone outside the Organization, including public officials, employees must take care not to compromise the integrity or damage the reputation of either the Organization, or any outside individual, business, or government body.

Prompt Communications:

In all matters relevant to customers, suppliers, government authorities, the public and others in the Organization, all employees must make every effort to achieve complete, accurate, and timely communications - responding promptly and courteously to all proper requests for information and to all complaints.

Privacy and Confidentiality:

When handling financial and personal information about customers or others with whom the Organization has dealings, observe the following principles:

- Collect, use, and retain only the personal information necessary for the Organization's business.
- Whenever possible, obtain any relevant information directly from the person concerned.
- Use only reputable and reliable sources to supplement this information.
- Retain information only for as long as necessary or as required by law. Protect the physical security of this information.
- Limit internal access to personal information to those with a legitimate business reason for seeking that information.
- Use only personal information for the purposes for which it was originally obtained.
- Obtain the consent of the person concerned before externally disclosing any personal information, unless legal process or contractual obligation provides otherwise.

Non-discriminatory and Conflict Management Policy

Stargate Scientific is committed to a policy of equal employment opportunity and does not discriminate in the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment on account of race, age, colour, sex, national origin, physical or mental disability, or religion or otherwise as may be prohibited by state law. Any employee, board member, volunteer or client who believes that s/he or any other affiliate of Stargate Scientific has been discriminated against is strongly encouraged to report this concern promptly to the HR Manager and/ or Managing Director.

Harassment or intimidation of a client, staff person or guest because of that person's race, age, colour, sex, nationality, physical or mental disability, or religion is specifically prohibited. Harassment and intimidation include abusive, foul or threatening language or behaviour. Stargate Scientific is committed to maintaining a workplace that is free of any such harassment and will not tolerate discrimination against staff members, volunteers or agency clients. Issues of discriminatory treatment, harassment, or intimidation on any of these bases should immediately be reported to the HR Manager and/or Managing Director, and if substantiated, prompt action will be taken.