

1 Honesty and integrity

I will be honest and act with integrity at all times, and will not compromise or abuse my position.

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According to this standard you must:

- act with honesty and integrity at all times
- use your position, police identification or warrant card for policing purposes only, and not to gain a personal advantage that could give the impression you are abusing your position.

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In abiding by this standard you gain and maintain the trust of the public, your leaders, your colleagues and your team. You are dependable and a role model.

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The more senior in rank, grade or role you are, the greater the potential for harm as a consequence of any misuse of your position or any failure to meet the standards required by the Code of Ethics.

Covert policing

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The police service operates on the basis of openness and transparency. This is essential to maintaining and enhancing a positive relationship between the policing profession and the community.

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To achieve legitimate policing aims, it is sometimes necessary to use covert tactics. This is recognised in law.

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Covert tactics must be appropriately authorised and any deployments must be shown to be proportionate, lawful, accountable, necessary and ethical.

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Officers who authorise or perform covert policing roles must keep in mind at all times the principles and standards set out in the Code of Ethics.

Examples of meeting this standard are when you:

- are sincere and truthful
- show courage in doing what you believe to be right
- ensure your decisions are not influenced by improper considerations of personal gain
- do not knowingly make false, misleading or inaccurate oral or written statements in any professional context
- neither solicit nor accept the offer of any gift, gratuity or hospitality that could compromise your impartiality
- do not use your position to inappropriately coerce any person or to settle personal grievances.

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