

**FLORIDA MODEL JAIL STANDARDS
CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES OF PROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT FOR JAIL AND MEDICAL INSPECTORS
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**



DIRECTIONS: All Jail and Medical Inspectors are required to read and follow the FMJS Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct. Please read the Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct and complete the Acknowledgement Form.

The FMJS Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Standards may also be viewed at:

<https://www.flsheriffs.org/law-enforcement-programs/training/florida-model-jail-standards/code-of-ethics-for-jail-inspectors>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the FMJS most current Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct and will be responsible for obtaining all future amendments and modifications thereto.

I further acknowledge that I have read and understand all of my obligations, duties, and responsibilities under each principle and provision of the FMJS current Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct and will read and understand all of my obligations, duties, and responsibilities under all future amendments and modifications to the FMJS Code of Ethics and Rules of Professional Conduct.

I certify that this is a true and correct statement by my signature below:

Printed Name

Signature

Date

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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CODE OF ETHICS



GOALS

Enhance the professionalism and the effectiveness of the inspectors and the inspection process.

OBJECTIVES

Define professional conduct and ethical standards of conduct for Florida Model Jail Standards Inspectors, including identifying conduct which is unbecoming and unprofessional.

PRINCIPLES

Florida Model Jail Standards Inspectors are expected to apply and uphold the following:

1. INTEGRITY

FMJS Inspectors shall establish trust and maintain firm adherence to the code of conduct in an honest, fair, and impartial manner.

2. OBJECTIVITY

FMJS Inspectors shall exhibit the highest level of professional objectivity in gathering, evaluating, and communicating information about the department, agency, activity, or process being inspected. FMJS Inspectors shall make a balanced assessment of all the relevant circumstances.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

FMJS Inspectors shall respect the value and confidentiality of information they receive and will not disclose information without appropriate authority unless there is a legal or professional obligation to do so.

4. COMPETENCY

FMJS Inspectors shall apply the knowledge and skills obtained through the FMJS inspector certification program and shall not exceed FMJS standards.

5. PROFESSIONALISM

FMJS inspectors shall utilize their skills, good judgment and qualities that characterize professional behavior; including both written and verbal communication.

RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT



1. INTEGRITY

FMJS INSPECTORS

- 1.1 Shall perform their work honestly, diligently, and responsibly.
- 1.2 Shall not knowingly be a party to any illegal activity or engage in acts that are discreditable to their profession, the inspection process, or to the organization.
- 1.3 Shall conduct themselves, whether on or off duty, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Florida Constitution, and all applicable laws, ordinances and rules enacted or established pursuant to legal authority.
- 1.4 Shall clearly communicate their views, statements and positions that are consistent with the Florida Model Jail Standards.
- 1.5 Shall respect and contribute to the ethical objectives of the Florida Model Jail Standards.

2. OBJECTIVITY

FMJS INSPECTORS

- 2.1 Shall not participate in any activity or relationship that may impair or be presumed to impair their unbiased observation during an assessment. This participation includes those activities or relationships that may be in conflict with the interests of the Florida Model Jail Standards.
- 2.2 Shall not accept anything that may influence or could be presumed to influence their professional judgment.
- 2.3 Shall disclose all material facts known to them that, if not disclosed, may distort the reporting of activities under review of the Florida Model Jail Standards.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

FMJS INSPECTORS

- 3.1 Shall be prudent in the use and protection of information acquired in the course of their inspection.
- 3.2 Shall not use information for any personal gain or in any manner that would be contrary to Florida Model Jail Standards.
- 3.3 Shall observe the confidentiality of information available to them.

4. COMPETENCY

FMJS INSPECTORS

- 4.1 Shall engage only in those inspections for which they have the necessary knowledge, skills, and training.
- 4.2 Shall perform inspection services in accordance with the Florida Model Jail Standards.
- 4.3 Shall be diligent in their responsibility to record and make available for review any and all inspection information which could contribute to sound decisions affecting a department, agency, activity, process, or the public safety.
- 4.4 Shall continually improve their proficiency, the effectiveness and quality of their services by utilizing online training, recertification and participating in the inspection process.

5. PROFESSIONALISM

FMJS INSPECTORS

- 5.1 Shall utilize the knowledge obtained from their training and experience to ensure a proper and thorough inspection is conducted.
- 5.2 Shall submit an accurate and complete report in a timely manner in accordance with Florida Model Jail Standards.
- 5.3 Shall use proper decorum, deportment and demeanor when conducting the entrance and exit interviews.