

BTS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ITS MEMBERS

Introduction

The British Toxicology Society (Society) is dedicated to providing an interactive forum for the advancement and exchange of toxicologic information between industry, government and academia. Its vision is to “*drive excellence in toxicology.*” The Society is a charity with a mission “*to provide the principle forum for toxicology in the UK, to support and enrich the careers of toxicologists, and to promote the importance and advancement of toxicology in the wider scientific and lay communities.*” We are a friendly and collaborative global community.

Admission to membership of the Society as a charitable organisation carries with it certain privileges. Members are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct is applicable to all its members who should abide by the following principles:

- observe the provisions of the [Memorandum and Articles of Association of the BTS](#) and any regulations made under them;
- observe the [BTS Policies](#);
- uphold the dignity and reputation of the profession of toxicology;
- exercise their professional and personal skill and judgement to the best of their ability;
- discharge their professional responsibilities with integrity.

To meet the vision and mission of the Society (<https://www.thebts.org/>) each member must follow this Code of conduct and shall:

- uphold and promote the Society's charitable purposes and refrain from conduct that risks damaging or undermining those purposes or the Society's reputation;
- work in partnership, considerately and respectfully, with the Society's community of members, the public and the Society's secretariat and not engage in any form of bullying, harassment or abuse;
- uphold the Society's commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion and not act in a way that discriminates against any individual or group;
- commit to providing the highest quality science with due regard for objectivity, integrity and confidentiality;
- present scientific and/or professional opinions with full disclosure of the availability of all supportive data;
- uphold the standards of the Society that apply to the welfare of experimental procedures in animals, and the environment;
- refrain from making statements of professional judgment that are directly or potentially subject to conflict of interest concerns. Where a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest does arise, members should declare this to the Executive Committee via

