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This code of conduct is designed to ensure that all members of the British Association for Forensic Anthropologists (BAFA) maintain the highest level of ethical and professional standards. All members of BAFA are required to adhere to this code.

- Members should ensure that they conduct themselves in a manner that will not bring the association into disrepute.
- Members shall adhere to high standards of ethical and responsible behaviour in the conduct of all forensic anthropological advice, casework, consultancy, research and teaching.
- No member should misrepresent his or her education, training, casework experience, area of expertise or membership status within the association to any individual, or organization.
- No member shall issue public statements that appear to represent the position of the Association without specific authority to do so from the Steering Committee of the Association. If they do express an opinion they shall make it clear that the opinion is a personal one rather than one that is necessarily supported by the Association.
- Members shall undertake all professional work with impartiality and as a servant to the court.
- All members are accountable for their professional decisions and actions and should allow their work to be peer-reviewed and open to scrutiny by appropriate internal and external bodies.
- Members shall observe and maintain appropriate standards of confidentiality at all times.
- Members shall treat all human remains with dignity, sensitivity and respect regardless of age or provenance.
- Members shall ensure that they adhere to all legislation that pertains to the handling, treatment and exhumation of human remains, whether of forensic and/or archaeological relevance or significance.



- Members should ensure that they are open and truthful in their professional work at all times and that they do not knowingly misrepresent the scientific basis of their tests or their results at any time.
- Members shall ensure that any research undertaken involving human remains or the handling of an individual's personal information meets the highest ethical standards possible.
- Members should ensure that they refrain from the removal and/or refrain from engaging in the acquisition of human remains for personal gain or unregulated research.
- Members will be expected to maintain their competencies by continuous professional development.
- Members shall ensure that their behaviour does not jeopardise any legal proceedings in which they may be involved.
- Members shall ensure that they familiarise themselves with and adhere to the legislation of the country that they are working in and of the authority that has instructed them.
- Members should be able to demonstrate that they are competent to undertake any forensic anthropology work they are requested to do.
- Members should ensure that adequate support, (advice, personnel or facilities) has been arranged when such work is undertaken.
- Members shall refrain from plagiarism and/or misrepresentation of their work to others.