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#### **Mechanos Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct**

#### Code of Ethics:

#### 1. Be inclusive.

We welcome and support people of all backgrounds and identities. This includes, but is not limited to members of any race, ethnicity, culture, national origin, social and economic class, educational level, colour, immigration status, sex, age, size, family status, political belief, religion, and mental and physical ability.

#### 2. Be considerate.

We all depend on each other to produce the best work we can as a company. Your decisions will affect clients and colleagues, and you should take those consequences into account when making decisions.

### 3. Be respectful.

We won't all agree all the time, but disagreement is no excuse for disrespectful behaviour. We will all experience frustration from time to time, but we cannot allow that frustration become personal attacks. An environment where people feel uncomfortable or threatened is not a productive or creative one.

# 4. Choose your words carefully.

Always conduct yourself professionally. Be kind to others. Do not insult or put down others. Harassment and exclusionary behaviour aren't acceptable. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Threats of violence.
- Insubordination.

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- Discriminatory jokes and language.
- Sharing sexually explicit or violent material via electronic devices or other means.
- Personal insults, especially those using racist or sexist terms.
- Unwelcome sexual attention.
- Advocating for, or encouraging, any of the above behaviour.

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#### 5. Don't harass.

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In general, if someone asks you to stop something, then stop. When we disagree, try to understand why. Differences of opinion and disagreements are mostly unavoidable. What is important is that we resolve disagreements and differing views constructively.

## 6. Make differences into strengths.

We can find strength in diversity. Different people have different perspectives on issues, and that can be valuable for solving problems or generating new ideas. Being unable to understand why someone holds a viewpoint doesn't mean that they're wrong. Don't forget that we all make mistakes, and blaming each other doesn't get us anywhere.

Instead, focus on resolving issues and learning from mistakes.

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#### **Professional Conduct:**

A code of ethics and professional conduct consists of four key sections detailed below. You can cover all of them in a short summary Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct as we have above, or expand on them in detail so employees are clear on how to handle many common situations.

#### 1. The work environment.

Employees should act with integrity, comply with laws, maintain a professional work environment and comply with company policies. They should treat customers, colleagues, and partners ethically at all times.

#### 2. Conflicts of interest.

A company's reputation depends on the actions and integrity of its employees. It is essential that they avoid relationships and activities that hurt, or appears to hurt, their ability to make objective and fair decisions.

# 3. Protecting company assets.

Employees should always act to protect company assets, including physical, intellectual, and electronic or digital properties.

# 4. Anti-bribery and corruption.

A company's integrity is essential for maintaining trustworthiness and reputation. Employees should always do their work fairly, honestly, and legally.

## 5. Attendance and punctuality.

Employees are expected to be regular and punctual in attendance. This means being in the office, ready to work, at starting time each day. Absenteeism and tardiness burden other employees and the company.

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6. Absence without notice.

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Employees who are unable to work due to illness or an accident should notify their supervisor. This allows the company to arrange for coverage of their duties and helps others continue to work in their absence. If an employee does a report for work and the company is not notified of an employee's status for 3 days, it is typically considered a job abandonment.

#### 7. General harassment and sexual harassment.

This company is committed to providing a work environment free of discrimination and unlawful harassment. Actions, words, jokes, or comments based on an individual's sex, race, ethnicity, age, religion, or any other legally protected characteristic are not tolerated.

### 8. Cell phone use at work.

Personal cell phone usage during work hours is discouraged, except in extreme cases such as an emergency.

#### 9. Dress code.

A professional appearance is important when employees work with customers or potential customers. Employees should be well-groomed and dressed appropriately for the business and for their position.

#### 10. Substance abuse.

The manufacture, distribution, possession, sale, or purchase of controlled substances of abuse on company property is prohibited. Being under the influence of illegal drugs, alcohol, or substances of abuse on company property is prohibited. Working while under the influence of prescription drugs that impair performance is prohibited.

# 11. Tobacco products.

The use of tobacco products on company property, outside of permitted areas, is specifically prohibited.

#### 12. Internet use at work.

Employees may use the Internet when appropriate to access information needed to conduct a business company business. Use of the Internet must not disrupt or injure the company computer network. Use of the Internet must not interfere with an employee's productivity.

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