

Australian Information Security Association (AISA) Code of Ethics and Conference Behaviour Rules

APPLICABILITY: It is an essential part of a public company under guarantee to regulate the behaviour of its members. AISA requires that its members abide by the standards set out in the Code of Ethics and Conference Behaviour Rules. Adherence to these standards will help to produce a highly valued, respected and mature Information Security (Cyber Security) profession.

All members of AISA must act in accordance with the Code of Ethics and Conference Behaviour Rules, which apply to individual professional behaviour at all times, and particularly at AISA organised events, including National and State Conferences, Branch Meetings and other occasions where AISA Members and/or the general public gather (Conference).

The Code of Ethics and Conference Behaviour Rules stipulate minimum standards of conduct and professional values, as well as consequences of failure to comply. It is not the intention to cater for every possible situation in terms of specific behaviour, and anyone relying upon the Code of Ethics and Conference Behaviour Rules to resolve ambiguous or contentious issues is expected to take into account its spirit and purpose.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT – CODE OF ETHICS

1. **Honesty** - I will be honest in my representation, particularly of my knowledge, products, services, skills and capabilities.
2. **Legal Compliance** - I will comply with all relevant laws.
3. **Competence and Diligence** - I will conduct myself with competence and diligence in all my professional activities.
4. **Confidentiality and Privacy** - I will maintain the confidential nature of all sensitive and proprietary documentation and information that I encounter, and adhere to AISA's privacy policy and standards.
5. **Professional Development** - I will meet the continuing education standards my own professional role requires and assist those around me to improve their knowledge and abilities.
6. **Integrity and Respect of Others** - I will pride myself on my ability to act with integrity and with the highest ethical standards possible. I will not knowingly disseminate false or misleading information which may harm AISA, its Members, or others in the security community. I will treat everyone with respect and will not intimidate or bully anyone.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT – CONFERENCE RULES

1. **Open Society** - In line with Australian values of openness and multi-culturalism, AISA is committed to providing a friendly, safe and welcoming environment for members and the public, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity, or religion.
2. **Freedom of Expression and Tolerance** - The views expressed by an AISA Member, conference attendee, speaker, sponsor or partner, media, volunteers are not necessarily those of AISA. All attendees are required to be considerate, tolerant and respectful of other viewpoints and avoid demeaning, discriminatory or harassing behaviour, materials, speech and unsociable behaviour.
3. **Common Good, Infrastructure and Emergencies** - Look out for the common good, protect attendees, Conference infrastructure and private property. Alert conference organisers when a dangerous situation arises, or someone is in distress. Event staff and/or security personnel will be available to assist and incidents will be treated as confidential.
4. **Photography, Audio and Video Recording** - Conferences are typically held in a public space so AISA does not prohibit attendees, speakers, sponsors or partners, media, volunteers or other parties from photographing, video or audiotaping some of the Conference activities. In cases where AISA is bound by

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law to restrict these activities, attendees will be advised. AISA reserves the right to use images taken at the Conference of attendees for record purposes and future marketing.

5. **Soliciting** - AISA reserves the right to escort any individual from the Conference venue who is reported to be soliciting and who is not an AISA Conference sponsor or partner. AISA encourages attendees to support the paid sponsors and partners without whom the Conference would not be possible.
6. **Drones** - The use of Drones/Unmanned Aircrafts (UAV) used or intended to be used for flight in the air with no on-board pilot, is strictly prohibited at AISA Conferences, except when authorised by AISA and relevant authorities.
7. **Unlawful Use and/or Possession of Equipment and Surveillance Devices** - AISA will institute criminal and/or civil proceedings against attendee who uses, attempts to use, and/or possesses with the intention to unlawfully access or interfere with the Conference proceedings, Conference facilities, networks, systems, infrastructure or persons.
8. **Australian Criminal Code and Tort Law** - AISA will institute criminal and/or civil proceedings against any attendee who contravenes or attempts to contravene Australian or international law and/or breaches Conference security arrangements.
9. **Age Restriction** - All attendees must be at least 18 years of age. Requests for exceptions to this requirement may be made to the AISA Board of Directors and AISA reserves the right to refuse or to grant the request, without giving reasons. AISA, at its discretion may organise events for the benefit of persons under 18, in which case consent to attend will be required from parents or guardians.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO COMPLY

Unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated by anyone attending a Conference. Anyone asked to stop unacceptable behaviour is expected to comply immediately.

AISA will take action against anyone engaging in unacceptable behaviour as AISA in its sole discretion deems appropriate, including expulsion from the Conference without warning or refund, contacting law enforcement or other authorities as necessary, disciplinary action against a Member or termination of AISA Membership.

YOUR COMMITMENT

As a member of AISA or non-member attending an AISA Conference, I will act in accordance with Code of Ethics and Conference Behaviour Rules. I support AISA objectives and will do nothing to bring AISA into disrepute or cause harm to society.