



International  
Catholic Association of  
Therapists & Coaching

## Code of Conduct of ICAT&C "International Catholic Association of Therapist & Coaching"

We are an international Catholic association with a mission to assist individuals of any belief or religion in finding reputable professionals who embody values and principles that instill confidence. Additionally, we help our professional partners develop themselves professionally, socially, and spiritually.

The purpose of this code of conduct is to assist our professionals in living in accordance with these values, guiding them when facing potential ethical dilemmas that may arise in the course of their work. ICAT&C's code of conduct provides a set of standards and values to follow, which will help you understand what to do in complex situations and how to protect yourself in situations that could harm you or ICAT&C. This code also aims to prevent professionals from exploiting unequal power relationships that may arise in their professional development for personal gain.

Just as the Principles of ICAT&C (principles outlined on our website: <https://www.icatc-world.com/about-us>), which you agreed to when joining the association, are a set of values, best practices, and obligations we ask our partners to adhere to in order to ensure the safety and trust of our clients and patients in their choices.

This code ensures that our patients and clients have access to professionals through our website who are up to date and comply with legal ethical behavior, not using their profession as a means to engage in criminal behavior or abuse towards minors or vulnerable individuals. It also guarantees compliance with legal, social, and ethical requirements established by their respective professional associations in each country.

This code is applicable to all professionals associated with ICAT&C. Non-compliance may lead to the adoption of disciplinary measures (including expulsion) and, in some cases, legal actions. By accepting it, you commit to fulfilling your obligations and behaving in accordance with ICAT&C's code of conduct, thus contributing to the quality of your work and ICAT&C's reputation. The code outlines what ICAT&C expects from its associates and what its associates can expect from ICAT&C.

While we are aware that local laws and customs can vary considerably from one country to another, ICAT&C is an International Association, so this code of conduct has been developed in line with international standards.



As an Associate of ICAT&C, I commit to:

1. Be responsible, respect individuals, protect life and human rights, follow the norms and principles of coexistence and legality established in my country and professional organizations governing my profession, and maintain relationships characterized by honesty, sincerity, and prudence with my patients/clients.
2. Maintain the integrity and reputation of ICAT&C, ensuring that my professional and personal conduct is clearly aligned with the values, principles, and standards of ICAT&C.
3. Treat all patients and clients (children, young people, or adults) with respect and dignity and refrain from using my position of power and trust for any form of harassment, discrimination, intimidation, exploitation, or abuse. Especially the rights of children as outlined in the "Convention on the Rights of the Child" (<https://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/pdf/derechos.pdf>).
4. Be responsible for the use of confidential or sensitive information to which I have access in the course of my relationship with my patients, clients, or ICAT&C, in accordance with the legal provisions established in each country regarding data protection.
5. Be responsible for the use of money and resources to which I have access in the course of my relationship with my patients, clients, or ICAT&C, refraining from using them for my personal benefit or any other purpose unrelated to the association.
6. Maintain a strong commitment to protecting minors and vulnerable individuals from child abuse, exploitation, or any other form of violence, reporting any suspicious indications according to the channels established in our ICAT&C abuse and exploitation protocol (See ICAT&C Abuse and Exploitation Protocol).

Any behavior that violates these points, such as harassment, discrimination, exploitation, abuse of power, and the misuse of confidential information or resources, is unacceptable and should be reported and dealt with accordingly. The protection of minors and vulnerable individuals from child abuse, exploitation, or any other form of violence is particularly important and should be a priority for all members of the association.