

Society of Fire Protection Engineers
Form for Filing Ethics Complaints

Fire protection engineering is an important learned profession. The members of the profession recognize that their work has a direct and vital impact on the quality of life for all people. Accordingly, the services provided by fire protection engineers require honesty, impartiality, fairness and equity, and must be dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the public safety, health and welfare, and the environment. In the practice of their profession, fire protection engineers must maintain and constantly improve their competence and perform under a standard of professional behavior which requires adherence to the highest principles of ethical conduct with balanced regard for the interests of the public, clients, employers, colleagues, and the profession. Fire protection engineers are expected to act in accordance with the Canons of Ethics for Fire Protection Engineers and all applicable laws, and actively encourage others to do so.

In the event that a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers fails to uphold the standard of professional behavior established by the Canons of Ethics for Fire Protection Engineers, then the misconduct should be reported to the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. However, filing an ethics complaint is a very serious matter as, even if the member is found not to have committed any ethical wrongdoing, the mere allegation can be detrimental to an engineer's career. Prior to filing an ethics complaint, the complainant should be completely certain that an ethical violation has occurred.

Allegations of ethical misconduct must be in writing, must identify the specific canons alleged to be violated, and must be accompanied by documentation sufficient to preclude the need for further research by the Society.

Because of the sensitivity of allegations of ethical wrongdoing, the complainant must agree to keep the complaint confidential. Failure to maintain this confidentiality by the person alleging the ethics violation in advance of the resolution of the complaint will result in dismissal of the complaint.

A copy of this form must be included with any complaint that is filed against a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers.

1. Name of Complainant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

2. Name(s) of the SFPE member(s) against whom this complaint is being filed:

City/State: _____

3. State the specific canon(s) of the Canons of Ethics for Fire Protection Engineers which you believe to have been violated:

By my signature, I certify that the information provided here and in any attachments are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further state that I have read the procedures for handling ethics complaints. My signature below acknowledges that if disclose any aspect of this complaint to anyone who is not acting in an official capacity for the Society of Fire Protection Engineers that the complaint will be dismissed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form and all attachments to the Executive Director, SFPE, 9711 Washingtonian Blvd, Suite 380, Gaithersburg, MD, 20878 USA.