

Ethics
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Personal Ethics

- Personal ethics is a branch of Philosophy that addresses the question of morality through a set of behavioral guidelines.

Professional Ethics

- Professional ethics is conforming to right principals of conduct as accepted by a specific profession.

Personal vs. Professional

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Differ by Individuals – Religion, Sin, Virtue – Learned from Parents, Teachers, Clergy, Role Models – Unwritten Code of Conduct – Personal Choice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Ethics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Same throughout the organization – Law, Crime, Punishment – Learned from Management, Team Leaders, Co-Workers – Written Code of Conduct – Professional Commitment
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E-T-H-I-C-S

- E – Everyone is Watching
- T – Time Management
- H – Health and Safety
- I – Individual Loyalty
- C – Commitment
- S – Social Networking

Everyone is Watching

- Not just in the Workplace!
- They are Watching you everywhere
 - At the Wal-Mart
 - At your place of Worship
 - At the Watering Hole
 - At the Waffle House
 - At the War Zone

Time Management

- To whom does your time belong?
- Arriving late to work or leaving early
- Personal phone calls
- Prioritizing Tasks/Projects

Health & Safety

- Office Esthetics
- Personal Appearance
- Environmental Protection
- Personal Safety

Individual Loyalty

- Faithfulness to Work
- Builds a Sense of Trust
- Friend or Life Partner
- In-Kind

Commitment

- Biggest Motivator
- No Evading
- From Within
- Commitment Issues

Social Networking & Technology

- I-Phones
- Blackberry
- Laptops
- Facebook/MySpace/Twitter

- The average Facebook user spends _____ minutes a day on Facebook.

Good Ethics = Positive Outcome

- Public Accountability
- Transparent Government
- Good Customer Relations
- Respect of Others

The Human Element

- WHEN GOOD PEOPLE MAKE BAD CHOICES!
 - Lack of Knowledge
 - Misunderstanding of Ethical Standards
 - Not understanding to whom they are accountable
 - Getting mixed messages
 - Conflicting policies

Examples of Famous Bad Choices

- ENRON

- Martha Stewart

- Wesley Snipes

Closer to Home

- Ann Remley – Malkoff Municipal Court

- Tiffany Lewis – Dallas Municipal Court

- Michael Glover – Brookshire Municipal Court

The End!
