

TPD: ASCLD/LAB Guidelines for Professional Responsibility

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The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) provides *Guiding Principles of Professional Responsibility for Forensic Service Providers and Forensic Personnel* establishing a framework for describing ethical and professional responsibilities in the forensic laboratory community.

Responsibility of the forensic science community

All who work in the forensic science community, including management, analysts, and support personnel, know that the ethical and professional responsibilities that govern all crime laboratory activities are key factors in the overall integrity of the profession.

To that end, all laboratory employees are responsible for reading and understanding the ASCLD/LAB *Guiding Principles*.

Management's obligation

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Laboratory managers must be assured that all employees are familiar with and understand these *Guiding Principles*.

To that end, laboratory managers are obligated to provide an annual review of the *Guiding Principles* for all laboratory employees.

This annual review must be documented. The record of the review will be maintained by the Quality Assurance Manager.

When an issue arises involving impartiality, appropriate actions will be taken to resolve it. Actions taken will be on a case by case basis.
