

## Ethical decision making Cheat Sheet

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## 8 step guide

- 1. Gather the facts. Are there any associated company rules? Am I authorised to make a decision? Is there a precedent?
- 2. Define the ethical issue/s
- 3. Identify affected parties. Major decisions can affect thousands of people for eg
- 4. Identify the consequences. important to identity the consequences with the highest probability of occurring and those with the most negative outcomes
- 5. Identify the obligations, and the reason for each one. May be individual or corporate
- 6. Consider your character and integrity. How could relevant people judge. Family, friends, partners, teachers, co-workers. The front page of the paper test
- 7. Think creatively about potenital actions. Invent several options rather than just two.
- 8. Check your intuition. How does it feel. Would you be proud or disgusted?

Brainstorm:)

## Potential ethical issues

Integrity

Trust

Diversity

Fairness

Just

Human rights

Health

Safety

Economic growth vs environmental

Right to life / death

Complying with regulations

Honest, accurate, complete reporting

Bad language

Breach of contract

Breach of cultural taboos

Conspiracy to commit a crime

Corruption of minors

Corruption of morals

Cyberbullying

False advertising

Inciting violence

## Potential ethical issues (cont) Intellectual property theft

Invasion of privacy

Security breaches

Software piracy

Uneven access to resources

Unprofessional behaviour



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