



SOUTH AFRICAN INSPECTORATE FOR FIRE PROTECTION NPC POLICY STATEMENT on IMPARTIALITY

At **South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC**, impartiality is paramount in fulfilling our management system certification mandate.

To achieve this, **South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC** shall identify, analyse and document potential sources of conflict of interest that could impact on our provision of certification. **South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC** commits itself to manage these possible conflicts to enhance our objectivity and to value our management system certification service.

This is particularly strengthened through our actions:

- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide certification when a relationship poses an unacceptable threat to impartiality.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide certification services to other certification bodies for their management system.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide management system consultancy.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide internal audits to its certification clients and shall not certify a management system on which it conducted internal audits.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide certification where a client has received management system consultancy or internal audits, where the relationship between the consultant establishment and South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC poses an unacceptable threat to Impartiality of the Inspection services.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not outsource audits to management system consultant establishments.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not link its services with the activities of an establishment that provide management system consultancy to ensure that there is no conflict of interest, South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall abstain from using any of its personnel or external auditors for two years, where they have been involved in management system consultancy towards the applying client.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall take action and respond to any threats to its impartiality as a result of the actions of other persons, bodies or organisations.

All **South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC** personnel or committees, both internal and external, who could influence the certification activities, shall act impartially. They shall not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise their impartiality.

All internal and external personnel shall reveal any situation known to them that may present them or **South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC** with a conflict of interest.

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