

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 inspection 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 inspections conducted. **South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC** commits itself to manage these possible conflicts to enhance our objectivity and to value our inspection services.

This is particularly strengthened through our actions:

- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide inspections when a relationship poses an unacceptable threat to impartiality.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide inspections where they have been the designer, manufacturer, installer, distributor or maintainer of the fire protection and detection systems;
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide inspections where they have been the designer, implementer, operator or maintainer of the inspected process;
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide inspections where they have been the designer, implementer, provider or maintainer of the inspection services;
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide inspections where they have offer or provide consultancy to its clients;
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide inspections where they have offer or provide systems or processes or product consultancy or internal auditing to its clients where the inspections is conducted;
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not provide inspections 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 inspections to management system consultant establishments or any other authority.
- South African Inspectorate for Fire Protection NPC shall not link its services with the activities of an establishment that provide consultancy or design activities towards clients on fire detection and protection systems 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 consultancy, employed or repaired and maintained 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 inspection 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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