



Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

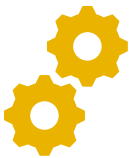
General Principles of Bitcoin SV Technical Standards Code of Ethic and Professional Conduct

The Technical Standards Committee (TSC) and participants in the Technical Standards Programme (TSP) should adhere to these principles:



Integrity

Be straightforward, honest and uphold the highest standards of integrity, responsible behaviour, and ethical conduct in professional activities.



Objectivity

Not allow bias, conflict of interest or undue influence of others to override own professional judgments and decision.



Accountability

Answer to oneself and others for one's own actions and decisions made in professional activities.



Confidentiality

Treat all information acquired as a result of the technical standards activities including from discussions whilst developing the standard as confidential information unless otherwise stated.



Professional Behaviour

Comply with relevant laws and regulations and avoid any action that discredits the industry or Bitcoin SV Technical Standards.

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The TSC, working group members, and all parties engaged in the development of Bitcoin SV Technical Standards and taking part in the TSP activities shall commit to the highest ethical and professional conduct, and agree to be bound by the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct (Code).

Anyone who does not wish to adhere to the Code must step down from taking part in activities within the TSP, TSC and Bitcoin SV Technical Standards.

It is the responsibility of all parties engaged in the development of Bitcoin SV Technical Standards to ensure compliance with this Code and to raise concerns as soon as possible if they perceive a case of behaviour that is not in accordance with the Code.

Participate fully	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Commit to actively participate into the working group for the duration of the standard development.● Ensure regular attendance at online and/or at in-person meetings of the standards working group where applicable, submitting written feedback on the standard content if unable to attend.
Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Be respectful of others and act in a professional manner while participating in Bitcoin SV Technical Standards activities. Refraining from behaving in a way which may be considered inappropriate to all parties engaged in the TSP.● Be respectful of the privacy of others and the protection of their personal information and data.● Be fair to all participants involved in the TSP and extend to them equal opportunities to contribute into the Bitcoin SV Technical Standards activities they are assigned too.
Be Accountable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Adopt the principals of legitimacy, consistency, transparency, and verifiability to guide your behaviour.● Seek, accept, and offer honest criticism of the standardisation work, acknowledge and correct errors, and credit properly the contributions of others.● Consider fairly and unbiasedly public and internal comments received on a standard.
Treat People Fairly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Treat all persons fairly and with respect, refraining from engaging in harassment* or discrimination, and avoid injuring others.● Prevent from engaging in bullying behaviour of any kind whether in person, on the internet, or otherwise.

<h2>Avoid Injuring Others</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Abstain from recklessly or maliciously damaging, or attempt to damage, the professional reputation, prospects, or business of other participants in the TSP activities. ● Avoid injuring others, their property, data, reputation, or employment by false or malicious action, rumours or any other verbal or physical abuses. ● Refrain from engaging in or participating in the spreading of any malicious rumours, defamation or any other verbal or physical abuses, against participants in the TSP activities, whether on the Internet or otherwise.
<h2>Act Professionally</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When carrying out Bitcoin SV Technical Standards activities, all parties involved shall not act in bad faith, to the detriment of Bitcoin SV Technical Standards or in a manner that is inconsistent with the purposes or objectives of Bitcoin SV Technical Standards activities. ● Avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest whenever possible and disclose them to affected parties when they do exist. ● Comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations governing the TSP, avoiding unlawful conduct in professional activities, and rejecting bribery in all its forms. ● Avoid, to the best of your knowledge, misusing or infringing the intellectual property (IP) of others, and notify BA as soon as possible, should you have any IP concerns.
<h2>Refrain from Retaliation</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bitcoin SV Technical Standards will not retaliate against any person who reports an act of misconduct or who reports any violation of the Code of Ethics or this Code of Conduct. ● Bitcoin SV Technical Standards will not retaliate against any person who makes us aware of the violation of any laws, rules, or regulations in connection with Bitcoin SV Technical Standards activities.

If you have witnessed or experienced any breach of this Code of ethics and professional Conduct, please get in contact with us as soon as possible via email: tsc@bitcoinassociation.net

**Harassment includes, but is not limited to, offensive verbal comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, age, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion or political views, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, photography or audio/video recording against reasonable consent, sustained disruption of talks or other events, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.*