

Original RID Code of Ethics

The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. has set forth the following principles of ethical behavior to protect and guide interpreters and transliterators and hearing and deaf consumers. Underlying these principles is the desire to insure for all the right to communicate.

This Code of Ethics applies to all members of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. and to all certified non-members.

- **A** - Interpreters/translitterators shall keep all assignment-related information strictly confidential.
- **B** - Interpreters/translitterators shall render the message faithfully, always conveying the content and spirit of the speaker using language most readily understood by the person(s) whom they serve.
- **C** - Interpreters/translitterators shall not counsel, advise or interject personal opinions.
- **D** - Interpreters/translitterators shall accept assignments using discretion with regard to skill, setting, and the consumers involved.
- **E** - Interpreters/translitterators shall request compensation for services in a professional and judicious manner.
- **F** - Interpreters/translitterators shall function in a manner appropriate to the situation.
- **G** - Interpreters/translitterators shall strive to further knowledge and skills through participation in work-shops, professional meetings, interaction with professional colleagues, and reading of current literature in the field.
- **H** - Interpreters/translitterators, by virtue of membership or certification by the RID, Inc., shall strive to maintain high professional standards in compliance with the Code of Ethics.

(Note, red letters denoting each tenet have been added for reference purposes)