

# **Code of Ethics for Mediums and Trance Channelers**

- 1. Motivation and Purpose for Safe Healing:
  - a. Work should always be motivated by a desire to support and uplift clients.
  - b. Practitioners must maintain a clear and ethical purpose in their work, aimed at providing genuine help, insight, and healing.
  - c. Always act with the intention of doing no harm to clients—physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually.
  - d. Ensure the client/sitter safety and well-being at all times.
- 2. Respect the Autonomy and Rights of the Client/Sitter:
  - a. Respect the sovereignty and free will of the client/sitter; never dictate actions or decisions.
  - b. Avoid unsolicited readings and respect client/sitter autonomy in decision-making.
  - c. Be mindful of the influence wielded and avoid using it to manipulate clients/sitters.
  - d. Approach each client/sitter with respect, empathy, and non-judgment.
- 3. Confidentiality and Privacy:
  - a. Respect, protect, and maintain confidentiality of the client/sitter and the spirit/loved one/communicator.
    - i. All information shared by client/sitter must be kept confidential unless explicit permission is given.
  - b. Maintain safe privacy practices for all records and documents.
  - c. Do not disclose confidential information without permission, including when making referrals to other professionals.
- 4. Permission and Informed Consent:
  - a. Obtain explicit permission before accessing, channeling, or communicating information or energy.
  - b. Use of an informed consent document can include confidentiality practices, professional boundaries, description of services, fees, when to refer to other professionals, cancellation / refund policies, use of digital technology, and other details designed to inform and prepare the client prior to service delivery.
- 5. Scope of Practice and Referrals:
  - a. Provide services only within the scope of competence and refer to other professionals when faced with issues outside the scope of practice or competence.
  - b. Recognize and respect the limits of your expertise.
    - i. Do not diagnose, prescribe, or provide medical advice unless you are a trained medical professional or evidential medical intuitive. The same is true for legal, financial, mental health, etc.
    - ii. Reach out for help/consultation as needed.
  - c. Refer clients to appropriate professionals (e.g., medical, psychological, legal) when their needs go beyond the practitioner's scope.
    - i. Provide resources.
- 6. Competence, Training, and Continuous Development:

- a. Ensure competence through robust training and evaluation of skills before offering services to the public.
  - i. Competence for evidential mediums is judged by accuracy/evidence.
- b. Pursue continuous professional development and maintain a clear understanding of the difference between psychic and mediumistic information.

### 7. Honest, Clear, and Sensitive Communications:

- a. Deliver information truthfully and accurately without personal interpretation.
- b. Recognize the consequences of communications and deliver even difficult messages with empathy and sensitivity.
  - i. Be mindful that clients often come in grief and require delicate handling.
- c. Do not convey information that could cause emotional or mental distress, such as predicting death or illness.
- d. Avoid giving advice, which interferes with client/sitter autonomy.

#### 8. Safe Space:

- a. Create and maintain a physically and emotionally safe environment to foster trust and openness.
- b. Ensure a secure and private environment, including the protection of privacy in person, virtually/online, in public/group settings, and on social media.

#### 9. Professional and Energetic Boundaries:

- a. Maintain healthy spiritual and energetic boundaries to protect both the client and the practitioner.
  - i. Avoid romantic/sexual relationships and/or sexual harassment.
  - ii. Only provide services within the scope of competence.
- b. Ensure both practitioner and client are grounded and protected before engaging in readings.

#### 10. Professional Conduct, Integrity, and Accountability:

- a. Maintain high standards of professionalism, including honesty, non-discrimination, cultural sensitivity, punctuality, and transparent fees.
- b. Avoid deception, exploitation, or fraudulent activities in communications, finances, and all related business activities.
- c. Ensure honest marketing and self-descriptions, including representation of qualifications.
- d. Take responsibility for one's actions and be prepared to make amends if harm is unintentionally caused.

## 11. Legal and Professional Ethics:

- a. Be knowledgeable about and comply with local, state, and national laws regarding mediumship, channeling, and ethical business practices where services are provided (including virtual services).
- b. Follow ethical codes and guidelines of applicable professional association within field(s) of practice.

By adhering to this Code of Ethics, practitioners can ensure they provide their mediumship and channeling services with the highest degree of professionalism, integrity, and compassion. These guidelines are designed to safeguard clients' well-being, uphold the reputation of the profession, and foster a supportive and respectful environment.