

Statement of Principles for Kitchen Exhaust Cleaners

The Statement of Principles includes a Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, and Competencies (also known as “Standards of Practices”). These principles demonstrate to the Authority Having Jurisdiction that “Certified” exhaust cleaners recognize an obligation to the public to perform services in a safe and responsible manner.

Mission Statement

The Certification Protocol recognizes the need to safeguard life, property and the environment. The intent of the protocol is to enhance the knowledge, skills of participants and help them meet personal and occupational goals.

Industry professionals value safety, and maintain integrity by performing work in accordance with acceptable standards and practices.

The Protocol supports success by teaching, measuring results and working to offer educational leadership. It attempts to create and establish a Code of Ethics, Competency/Standards of Practice and benchmarks recognizable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction.

Code of Ethics

An ethical exhaust cleaner will:

- Hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, the protection of the environment and the promotion of health and safety within the workplace
- Undertake and accept responsibility for contractual assignments only when qualified by training or experience
- Provide an opinion on a technical subject only when it is founded upon adequate knowledge and honest conviction
- Act with integrity towards customers, the AHJ or employers; maintain confidentiality and avoid a conflict of interest but, where such conflict arises, fully disclose the circumstances without delay
- Uphold the principle of appropriate and adequate compensation for the performance of their work

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- Keep informed to maintain proficiency and competence; work to advance the body of knowledge within their discipline to include further opportunities for the professional development of their associates
- Present clearly to employers and customers and the AHJ the possible consequences if professional decisions or judgments are overruled or disregarded
- Promote public knowledge and appreciation of the technology and protect the industry from misrepresentation and misunderstanding.

Competency Standards

Achieving Competency or Standards of Practice

The development of competent standards is the beginning step towards the attainment of quality maintenance. It is the recognition of standard competencies that enables the AHJ to judge reasonable expectations from technicians in this field; and accordingly to insist that these expectations be achieved.

COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION IN COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EXHAUST CLEANING

The following are recommended competency standards for Certification in the field of both Inspecting and Cleaning Commercial Kitchen Exhaust.

Kitchen Exhaust Cleaners shall:

- Identify that Fire Protection is central to their service
- Systematically inspect (for cleanliness), analyze and make recommendations regarding kitchen exhaust systems to end users, the AHJ, and other agencies as required
- Thoroughly clean all applicable components of kitchen exhaust systems
- Perform additional maintenance and necessary accessory installations
- Describe the safety factors of the work environment, equipment and methods of this field
- Demonstrate that they practice within the established law and jurisdictional requirements
- Demonstrate that they practice within the boundaries established by a Code of Ethics