

# Codes and cases: Engineering ethics online

**C**odes of ethics from many professional engineering organizations, both general and discipline specific, can be found easily on the Internet. These documents do not give answers to specific ethical dilemmas, but provide general guidelines for conduct.

## Engineering related links <http://www.apenb.nb.ca/html>

For connections to Canadian and US professional societies, try the following site and click on "links" on the top bar of the screen. You'll find national, provincial and territorial councils, associations and institutes, as well as learned societies and research organizations. Scroll down to access journals and publications.

## Professional Responsibility <http://www.emr.org/linksPR.html>

This site provides access to sites from many other professions and these may be useful for comparative purposes. The Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions and the Ethics Center for Engineering & Science, sponsored by Case Western Reserve University in the US, are well developed sites.

## Centre for Applied Ethics <http://www.ethics.ubc.ca/resources/>

The Centre for Applied Ethics at the University of British Columbia provides many publications and links related to environmental ethics, business ethics, ethics in science and technology, etc.

## National Society of Professional Engineers <http://onlineethics.org/codes/NSPEcode.html>

The case study teaching method is widely used in professional courses and a number of engineering ethics sites on the Internet provide case study documents. Click on "cases" on the left sidebar. This organization's site leads to a variety of materials from different agencies. Of particular interest to Canadians is a link on the main page which leads to details of the Quebec Bridge collapses of 1907 and 1916.

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