



# Georgia Polygraph Association

## Professional Standards

### Professional Standards of Polygraph Procedures and Techniques

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#### SECTION I – ETHICS STATEMENT

The membership of the Georgia Polygraph Association recognizes that the foundation for all professional conduct in the polygraph industry is individual and personal integrity. Integrity encompasses the basic concepts of reliability, veracity, and honor which are intrinsic to all aspects of the use of polygraph in commercial, government, and law enforcement settings. Member examiners are expected to conduct themselves in their professional and personal lives to a standard that precludes conduct so egregious as to refute the credibility of the member as a professional examiner.

Such egregious behaviors include deceptive business practices, violating confidences or ignoring conflicts of interest to the detriment of the profession, and pattern(s) of misconduct or inappropriate actions whereby the member knew or should have known that such conduct was or may have been a violation of federal, state, or other applicable law(s).

Members whose behavior violates this ethical standard may be determined to be in violation of the Association's Professional Standards of Polygraph Procedures and Techniques. This would be determined by a majority vote of the quorum or larger membership at a regularly scheduled meeting.

## SECTION II - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Polygraph testing is an evolving field of science, intended to be used as a decision support tool. It is an aid to clients in making decisions about the truthfulness or deception of individuals in diagnostic and screening test circumstances, not an ultimate finder of fact. The results of polygraph examinations are presented as objective, impartial, and scientific supporting information to aid a client in their professional evaluation of the examinee.

This set of standards and practices established recommended procedures for proper polygraph examinations. To the extent possible, member examiners are bound individually and collectively to the standards, objectives, and principals of practice of the Georgia Polygraph Association.

### SECTION III - STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

1. The Georgia Polygraph Association (GPA) adopts the Standards of Practice of the American Polygraph Association (APA).
2. Revision of the APA Standards of Practice will automatically be adopted as the Standards of Practice for the GPA.
3. Notifications required in the APA Standards of Practice apply. Notifications listed will be sent to the President of the GPA.
4. All polygraph charts, question sets, written reports, data sheets, waiver forms, opinions of the examiner from chart analysis, and other pertinent physical or electronic work product will be kept on file in a safe place from the date of the examination for a minimum of three years or as provided for in the Georgia State Retention Schedule.

