



CHANGE FOR CHILDREN ASSOCIATION (CFCA) OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

All Change for Children overseas volunteers will be expected to adhere to the following guidelines for ethical behaviour. All volunteers will be required to sign an understanding of the Code of Conduct more specific to each volunteer opportunity prior to travel.

Principle

As guests in a foreign country, we represent Canada, our professions, and Change for Children. The continued success of Change for Children brigades depends upon the ethical conduct of its representatives and volunteers. It is our responsibility to travel with humility, compassion, and professionalism and to respect the ethics and morals of the areas we are visiting, while having a genuine desire to learn more about the host country and its people.

Violating any of the guidelines for ethical behaviour may result in my participation being terminated and/or being denied future opportunities to participate in the activities of Change for Children.

Volunteers agree to:

- Maintain high standards of respect for the local community, its beliefs and customs, and the mission and reputation of Change for Children.
- Treat patients, volunteers, host partners, and others with courtesy, dignity, and sensitivity.
- Perform professional duties with integrity and a patient-centred approach.
- Respect scope of practice guidelines as they apply in Canada

Volunteers understand that:

- Violating any law of the host country is unacceptable. Acquaint yourself with local customs.
- Consumption of alcohol at work sites and at official meetings is prohibited and should be moderated at all other times.
- Use of illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.
- All clothing should be appropriate – comfortable and modest.
- Caution should be exercised when taking photos. Photographing local people and what is considered sacred to them should be done with reservation. It is respectful to ask permission in advance.