

Code of Ethics

The American Alliance of Museums outlines a few key elements that should be considered in the Code of Ethics created for any museum (<http://www.aam-us.org/docs/continuum/developing-a-code-of-ethics-final.pdf?sfvrsn=2>).

Based on these guidelines, please use this template to draft your own Code of Ethics.

Mission Statement

The museum of abandoned spaces strives to demonstrate the impact of abandoned spaces on culture and society while providing a visually stimulating experience.

Demonstrate the impact of abandoned spaces on society

Guiding Principles

My mission will guide my ethical decisions by helping me work toward my original goal for my museum.

Ethical Duties

I think it is best not to get arrested while taking pictures and not to intentionally anger people, meaning trespassing. I should not have this issue because the properties should be abandoned. I think my perspective is pretty straightforward and will not be very controversial.

Governance

It is my job to make sure that whoever is involved with my museum is fully aware of my mission and fully embodies that mission to the best of their capabilities.

Conflict of Interest

If someone offered to purchase my museum for a reasonable amount I would make sure they would continue my mission. I do not think there are any philosophical/political ramifications to my museum.

Collections

I am taking most of the photographs that I am accessioning and I am working with another photographer personally and we already have an agreement that will be put into paper. Again I do not think my interpretation of the pieces will be an issue.

Compliance with Law

I should not have any copyright infringements because most of the pieces will be mine. I will also comply with trespassing laws by not entering properties and abide by the creative commons permissions of each individual photographer.

Forms

Abandoned, A Museum of Places and Spaces strives to educate about the social and environmental impact of abandoned places and spaces while still being respectful.

Implementation

I will include part of it in my museum and also refer to both my mission and ethical statement often.