

EXAMPLES OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT: *GENERAL PRACTICE*

Introduction

This information is based on nationally-accepted standards of practice and applies to MTAM Members. This information is reviewed annually and subject to change. Last revised: 10/2016

Definition

Professional misconduct is an act or omission that is in breach of the accepted ethical and professional standards of practice.

Details

The following are acts of professional misconduct:

- Contravening a federal or provincial law, or a municipal by-law or rule; if the purpose of the law, by-law or rule is to protect the public health or if the violation of the law is relevant to the massage therapist's suitability to practice.
- Engaging in conduct or performing an act while practicing massage therapy that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by massage therapists as disgraceful, dishonorable or unprofessional.
- Treating or attempting to treat a condition beyond the massage therapist's competence.
- Failing to refer a patient to a qualified medical practitioner where the massage therapist recognizes or ought to have recognized a condition which requires medical examination.
- Engaging in conduct that would reasonably be regarded by massage therapists as conduct unbecoming a massage therapist.