

**17—15.19(231) Conflict of interest.** Conflict of interest includes any action or failure to act that may be an actual or perceived conflict between official duties and personal interest. Conflict of interest exists when an elder abuse prevention initiative contractor or any entity or individual involved in that program:

1. Uses an official position for private gain (other than salary);
2. Gives preferential treatment to any contractor, entity, or individual or fails to act impartially in the conduct of official duties;
3. Impedes or adversely affects governmental efficiency or economy;
4. Engages in conduct that could adversely affect the confidence of the public in the integrity of the elder abuse prevention initiative;
5. Creates circumstances where it might reasonably be perceived that a contractor's, an entity's, or an individual's judgment could be influenced by the nature of the circumstances; or
6. Has a client that is related to the contractor, entity, or individual within the third degree of consanguinity.

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