Amputee Coalition
Peer Visitor Code of Ethics

In order to maintain certification, all Amputee Coalition Certified Peer Visitors must adhere to Code of Ethics. Failure to follow the Code of Ethics could result in removal of certification.

1) Hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public in the performance of your duties as a peer visitor.

2) Respect the privacy, confidentiality, individuality and dignity of the amputee.

3) Treat with respect and consideration all persons, regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, maternity, marital or family status, disability, age or national origin.

4) Respect the spiritual, religious or non-religious beliefs of an amputee/family and in doing so the peer visitor shall not express his/her personal religious or spiritual beliefs to the Amputee/family.

5) Cooperate with physicians, nurses, therapists and other members of the amputee’s health care team.

6) Refrain from being an advocate for surgery or any other kind of medical treatment.

7) Refrain from endorsing any specific healthcare provider, product or manufacturer, including wearing branded clothing and/or providing branded materials from a provider or manufacturer in an effort to influence an individual’s decision regarding use of products or services.

8) Accept as a personal duty the responsibility to conduct yourself with professional competence, fairness, impartiality, efficiency, and effectiveness.

9) Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty, and fortitude in all activities in order to inspire confidence and trust.

10) Refrain from handling or accepting money or valuables for an amputee or their family.

11) Represent yourself as a volunteer peer visitor certified by the Amputee Coalition and never represent yourself as a paid counselor or hospital staff.