

Basic Ethics

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There are ethical issues that can be created from life or death situations as well, fortunately these are not nearly as common in this field, but it still can be important for the purpose of dwelling on ethical practices. To use a real world comparison that everyone can understand, when the theft of a food item is justified. Food is important for staying alive, and the threat of mortality changes how we think of this.

Ideally every person and farm animal needs constant nutrition. This means there are bound to be situations where someone must be deprived of food in favor of someone else. So, how do we determine who is the most deserving of food? By how stricken with poverty they are? Their accomplishments? Their age or physical health? How do we determine a penalty for such a thing? This of course, is subject of many discussions and it never feels like it was handled well when applied.

Being a consumer can on occasion create some ethical quandaries. A very obvious and reoccurring example of this is disagreeing with a company's philosophy, motive, or moral compass. However, there still may be some desire to use their product. This is a quandary because you are given the choice between supporting a business you don't want to support, or being deprived of something that would be very helpful to you. Perhaps it's software that would make your line of work easier.

There is, of course, the choice of alternatives in some instances. However, it is no guarantee, especially if the service appeals to a market that is challenging to branch into. Since an option to pick an alternative does not always exist, you may have to choose between nothing or supporting a dubious business. Many consumers opt for the latter due to the overwhelming benefits.

It also is important to assume that everyone, as the actor, always has the potential to do something wrong. The person who is capable of growing the most is the one who has the courage to admit when they are wrong, even when they are the most invested invested. Be aware that something innocuous can quickly turn into something harmful. This applies everywhere in life, especially in the pursuit of something positive. The saying goes that the road to hell is paved with good intentions.