

# Ethical Decision-Making Playbook

This playbook outlines the process for making ethical decisions during crisis situations, focusing on the application of ethical frameworks to guide critical choices.

## Step 1: **Assess**

Evaluate the crisis situation to understand the immediate needs, potential risks, and the stakeholders involved.

## Step 2: **Identify**

Identify the ethical dilemmas and questions that the crisis situation presents, considering the conflict between values, rights, duties, or interests.

## Step 3: **Consult**

Consult a diverse set of perspectives, including ethical frameworks, expert opinions, and affected parties, to bring a broad understanding to the dilemma.

## Step 4: **Deliberate**

Engage in critical thinking and open dialogue to weigh the benefits and harms associated with different courses of action.

## Step 5: **Decide**

Make a decision that best aligns with ethical principles, considering the long-term and short-term impacts on all stakeholders.

## Step 6: **Act**

Implement the decision with a focus on transparency, accountability, and the ability to revise actions as the situation evolves.

## Step 7: **Review**

Reflect on the decision-making process and outcomes to learn from the experience and improve future ethical decision-making.

# **General Notes**

## **Frameworks**

Familiarize yourself with ethical frameworks such as Utilitarianism, Deontology, Virtue Ethics, and the Ethic of Care, which can provide different lenses through which to view a crisis.

## **Documentation**

Maintain detailed records of the decision-making process, the justification for decisions made, and the actions taken, for future accountability and learning.

## **Adaptability**

Be prepared to adapt your response as the crisis evolves and new information becomes available or the situation changes.

