

ACTIVITY ONE

Ethical Decision-Making Checklist

STEP ONE: DEFINE THE PROBLEM.

- What is the dilemma?
- What information do I need to make a decision?
- What are my choices?
- What values are in conflict?

STEP TWO: LOOK AT THE OUTCOMES.

- Who will be affected by my decision?
- Are any of the choices I can choose illegal?
- Will my decision affect my friends, family, or coworkers?
- Will I feel guilty about my choice? Why?
- Whom can I turn to for advice? Who is the most ethical person I know?
- Don't go solo. Whom have I noticed that also seems to want to do the right thing?
- How do I want to be seen? Which choice represents my best self?

STEP THREE: MAKE A DECISION.

- What is the best ethical decision taking all factors into consideration?

KEY WORDS

Ethics the standards that help determine what is good, right, and proper

Ethical dilemma a situation in which a choice has to be made based on conflicting values

Values strong beliefs that influence one's actions

Core value a foundational principle or truth that guides your beliefs and behaviors

Interdependence the condition of a group when the actions of any part of the group affect another part