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The social work, health and human services sectors employ a variety of professionals to provide care to people. There is an increasing need for practitioners to be skilled in ethical decision-making as the professional practice context becomes more complex and concerned with risk management. *Interprofessional Ethics* explores the ethical frameworks, policies and procedures of professional practice for multidisciplinary teams in health, government and community-based workplaces.

The second edition has been thoroughly updated and includes expanded content on criminology, environmental practice, youth work practice, the intersection of law and ethics, and cultural content, including non-Western philosophies and Indigenous world-views. New ‘Through the eyes of a practitioner’ boxes provide further insight into the professional experiences of practitioners in the field, while reflection points and links to further readings encourage students to think critically about the content.

Interprofessional Ethics encourages readers to better understand and consider the perspectives, approaches and values of others, and prepares them to work within collaborative teams. It is an essential introduction to moral philosophy and ethical theory, professional regulation, ethical decision-making, activism and personal and professional responsibilities.

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