

Top Ten Questions You Should Ask Yourself When Making an Ethical Decision

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Discussion Guide

10. Could the decision become habit forming?

If so, don't do it.

9. Is it legal?

If it isn't, don't do it.

8. Is it safe?

If it isn't, don't do it.

7. Is it the right thing to do?

If it isn't, don't do it.

6. Will this stand the test of public scrutiny?

If it won't, don't do it.

5. If something terrible were to happen, could I defend my actions?

If you can't, don't do it.

4. Is it just, balanced, and fair?

If it isn't, don't do it.

3. How will it make me feel about myself?

If it's lousy, don't do it.

2. Does this choice lead to the greatest good for the greatest number?

If it doesn't, don't do it.

And the #1 question you should ask yourself when making an ethical decision:

1. Would I do this in front of my mother?

If you wouldn't, don't do it.

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