

## Enforcement in practice

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To support our staff in making sure we reach fair and consistent enforcement decisions, we have created a number of guides and support materials.

These internal documents are designed as reference tools only. The final decision on how any matter is dealt with will always be considered on a case-by-case basis, taking account any relevant information. However, they give a helpful indication of some of the factors we consider during an investigation and when considering appropriate sanctions.

### Topic guides

These guides summarise the main factors we consider when looking at potential breaches in specific topical areas, or areas where there is the most potential for uncertainty.

[Anti-money laundering](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/corporate-strategy/sra-enforcement-strategy/enforcement-practice/anti-money-laundering/) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/corporate-strategy/sra-enforcement-strategy/enforcement-practice/anti-money-laundering/>] [Competence and standard of service](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/competence-standard-service) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/competence-standard-service>] [Criminal offences outside of practice](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/criminal-offences-outside-practice) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/criminal-offences-outside-practice>] [Driving with excess alcohol conviction](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/driving-excess-alcohol-convictions) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/driving-excess-alcohol-convictions>] [Use of social media and offensive communications](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/social-media-offensive-communications) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/social-media-offensive-communications>].

### Further support materials

[A guide to the application of Principle 1](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/guide-application-principle-1) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/sra/strategy/sub-strategies/enforcement-practice/guide-application-principle-1>].

For more information on our investigation and disciplinary processes read our [guidance](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/) [<https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/solicitors/guidance/>].