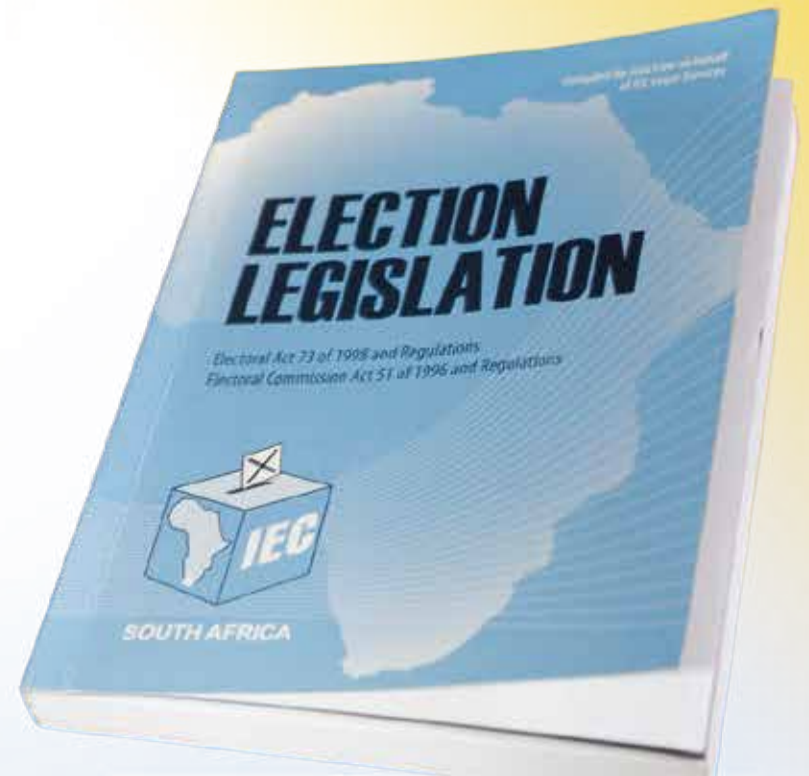




The Electoral Code of Conduct



What is the Electoral Code of Conduct?

The Code is a set of rules. The parties and candidates must:

- speak out against political violence and threats against other parties, the IEC, members of the public and the media;
- let the authorities know about planned marches or rallies;
- communicate with other political parties about planned political events;
- recognise the authority of the IEC;
- work with the IEC structures and allow them to perform their duties;
- work with the police in their investigation of election crime and violence; and
- accept the results of the election or challenge the result in court.

How does the Code of Conduct work?

- The Electoral Code of Conduct must be agreed to by:
 - every registered party before the party takes part in an election; and
 - every candidate before he/she is placed on the list of candidates.
- Parties and candidates must stick to the code and must:
 - let the public know about the Code;
 - promote the purpose of the Code; and
 - support efforts to educate voters.
- Parties and candidates must also inform the public that all people (including women, persons with disabilities, and different language and cultural groups) have the right:
 - to be free to express their political beliefs and to be part of any political party; and
 - to join in any political campaigns, marches or public meetings.



What happens when you **break** the Code of Conduct?

Any person who breaks the Code is guilty of a crime and can be fined or sent to prison for up to 10 years.

Political parties that break the Code can:

- be fined;
- be stopped from working in an area; or
- have their votes in an area cancelled.

For more information contact the IEC

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