Ten Essential Rules for Interpretation in the Asylum Procedure



Keep a professional attitude

Be attentive, empathic and respectful.



Ensure neutrality and impartiality

Do not take sides. Do not express your opinions or feelings verbally, non-verbally or through your clothing.



Respect confidentiality

Do not share any case-specific information that may lead to the identification of the applicant.



Be prepared

Make sure that you are informed about the asylum procedure. Know the terminology and have all necessary tools and equipment.



Stick to your role as interpreter

Let the interviewer manage the interview.



Be accurate and complete

Do not leave out, add or change anything that has been said. Take notes.



Ensure clear communication

Flag any obstacle to full understanding by all parties.



Be transparent

Inform participants when you need to ask for repetition, clarifications or breaks.



Take care of your well-being

Ensure that you stay mentally and physically healthy.



Ensure continuous learning

Keep improving your language and other professional skills.

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