

## Embodying Your Ethical Super Powers

**Power** = ability    capacity    control    authority    influence    dominance

### NASW Core Values

Our Super Powers are our social work values  
Our challenge is to live by them

- **Service**
- **Social Justice**
- **Dignity and Worth of the Person**
- **Importance of Human Relationships**
- **Integrity**
- **Competence**

### NASW Ethical Principles

Our Super Powers are our social work principles  
Our challenge is to use them

NASW Ethical Principles are the ethical standards, moral codes, creeds, and laws which are the foundation for ethical behavior and decision making.

### Professional Qualities

Our Super Powers are our professional qualities  
Our challenge is to embody them

What are your Professional Qualities?

### SERVICE

**Social workers' primary goal is to help people in need and to address social problems**

Which Professional Qualities do you bring to Service?  
What's your Service Super Power?

"Because no matter how small an act of kindness or generosity or simple positivity you put out into the world, it *will* make a difference." Wonder Woman

How can your Super Power be misused or abused?  
Where do you embody the act of Service?

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Social Workers challenge social justice**

Which Professional Qualities do you use to challenge social injustices?  
What's your Social Justice Super Power?

"With great power, there must also come great responsibility." Spider Man

How can your Super Power be misused or abused?

Where do you embody the honoring of Social Justice?

## **DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE PERSON**

**Social workers respect the inherent dignity and worth of the person**

Which Professional Qualities do you use to honor the Dignity and Worth of each Person?  
What's your Super Power?

“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.” Helen Keller

How can your Super Power be misused or abused?  
Where do you embody the value of Dignity and Worth of the Person?

## **IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS**

**Social workers recognize the central importance of human relationships**

Which Professional Qualities do you use to promote the Importance of Human Relationships?  
What's your Super Power?

“If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships - the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world at peace.” Franklin D. Roosevelt

How can your Super Power be misused or abused?  
Where do you embody appreciating the Importance of Human Relationships?

## **INTEGRITY**

**Social workers behave in a trustworthy manner**

Which Professional Qualities do you use to manifest Integrity?  
What's your Super Power?

“Do not tell me what is possible. Tell me the truth.” Black Panther

How can your Super Power be misused or abused?  
Where do you embody Integrity?

## **COMPETENCE**

**Social workers practice within their areas of competence and develop and enhance their professional expertise**

Which Professional Qualities are you developing to ensure Competence?  
What's your Super Power?

“It's not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me” Batman

How can your Super Power be misused or abused?  
Where do you embody Competence?

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