



Ethical Reasoning - Model #1

- 1. recognize that there is an event to which to react**
- 2. define the event as having an ethical dimension**
- 3. decide that the ethical dimension is of sufficient significance to merit an ethics-guided response**
- 4. take responsibility for generating an ethical solution to the problem**



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- 5. figure out what abstract ethical rule(s) might apply to the problem**
- 6. decide how these abstract ethical rules actually apply to the problem so as to suggest a concrete solution**
- 7. prepare for possible repercussions of having acted in what one considers an ethical manner;**
- 8. act**



Ethical Reasoning - Model #2

- 1. Identify the problem**
- 2. Identify potential issues involved**
- 3. Review relevant ethical guidelines**
- 4. Obtain consultation**
- 5. Consider possible and probable courses of action**
- 6. Enumerate consequences of various decisions**
- 7. Decide on best course of action**



Ethical Reasoning - Model #3

- 1. Select between two courses of action.**
- 2. State the factually based reasons for supporting each course of action.**
- 3. State the ethical principles supporting each course of action.**
- 4. State the factually based reasons for not supporting each course of action.**
- 5. Indicate which ethical principles will be compromised for each course of action taken.**
- 6. Justify your decision for choosing a particular course of action by including selective points from the above steps**