Some Types of Ethical Failings

- **Harm:** The action caused or exposed someone to unjustified harm.
- **Injustice / unfairness:** Benefits, burdens, risks, or opportunities were distributed unfairly.
- **Rights violation:** Someone's rights or legitimate claims were violated.
- **Autonomy:** Someone's ability to make informed, voluntary choices was undermined.
- **Deception / dishonesty:** Someone was intentionally misled, deceived, or given materially incomplete information.
- **Betrayal / breach of trust:** A relationship of trust or a legitimate expectation was violated.
- **Negligence / irresponsibility:** Someone failed to exercise a reasonable level of care or fulfill a responsibility.
- **Abuse of power:** A position of authority, influence was used improperly, or a dependency was exploited.
- **Conflict of interest:** Competing interests compromised, or appeared to compromise, judgment or responsibility.
- **Discrimination / exclusion:** People were treated differently inappropriately because of a relevant characteristic or group membership.
- **Lack of accountability / transparency:** Important decisions, risks, or responsibilities were concealed or made impossible to scrutinize.
- **Failure of professional integrity:** Someone violated the standards, obligations, or norms associated with their professional role.