



Archaeological Ethics

Crow Canyon programs include excavation at ancestral Pueblo sites and analysis of materials in the laboratory. Artifacts and other archaeological remains are important sources of information that archaeologists use to determine how people lived in the past. It is a violation of the Society for American Archaeology code of ethics for program participants to keep any artifacts or other cultural or paleontological remains from any archaeological site, and it is against the law for participants to keep any such materials collected from state or federal land. Participants should also be aware that, in accordance with Crow Canyon's policy on the treatment of human remains (which emphasizes minimal exposure and the treatment of all remains with respect), the Center does not seek human remains as objects of study. If human remains are found inadvertently during excavation, they are subsequently handled only by Crow Canyon staff or qualified, authorized consultants.