

Kidder's Nine Checkpoints of Ethical Decision-Making

1. Recognize that there is a moral issue.
2. Determine the actor(s).
3. Gather the relevant facts.
4. Test for right vs. wrong:
 - *Legal test*
 - *Regulations test*
 - *Stench test*
 - *Front-page test*
 - *Mom test*
5. Test for right vs. right:
 - *Truth vs. loyalty*
 - *Self vs. community*
 - *Short vs. long term*
 - *Justice vs. mercy*
6. Apply the resolution principles:
 - *Ends-based*
 - *Rule-based*
 - *Care-based*
7. "Trilemma" options?
8. Make the decision.
9. Revisit and reflect.