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**UNIT – I ENGINEERING ETHICS**

**Topic:** Moral dilemmas – Moral Autonomy



## *moral dilemma*

A **moral dilemma** occurs when a person faces a situation in which they must choose between two or more conflicting moral principles, each of which has compelling reasons to be followed. In a moral dilemma, no matter what choice is made, some ethical principle will be compromised.

### **Characteristics of Moral Dilemmas:**

**Conflicting Obligations:** The individual faces two or more obligations that cannot be fulfilled simultaneously.

**No Clear Solution:** Each option has significant moral weight, making the decision difficult.

**Moral Residue:** After making a decision, the individual often feels lingering doubt or regret about the choice.



## *moral dilemma*

# Ethical Dilemma

(eh·thuh·kuhl duh·leh·muh)

### **Definition**

An ethical dilemma is a situation where one must choose between two conflicting moral principles, making it difficult to determine the right course of action.



## **Examples**

### **Medical Decision-Making**

Respect patient's wish to refuse treatment or intervene.

### **Confidentiality vs. Safety**

Maintain confidentiality or report threat to prevent harm.

### **Whistleblowing**

Report illegal activities and risk job loss or not.

### **Use of Force**

Use force on unarmed suspect or ensure safety.

### **Academic Integrity**

Choose honesty or cheat for a better grade.

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## *moral Autonomy*

### **MORAL AUTONOMY**

- **Autonomy means self-governing** or self-determining i.e act independently.
- **Moral autonomy is concerned with the independent attitude of a person related to ethical issues.**
- It helps to improve the self-determination among the individuals.
- Autonomous individuals think for themselves and do not assume that customs are always right.
- They seek to reason and live by general principles.
- Their motivation is to do what is morally reasonable for its own sake, maintaining integrity, self-respect, and respect for others

