# ? What is Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

OCD is a neuro-biological disorder that is characterized by recurrent, unwanted thoughts (obsessions) and/or repetitive behaviors that a person feels driven to perform (compulsions). Some of the more common symptoms are listed below; however, this is by no means an all-inclusive list. A person may have a few or a any combination of the following traits:

- Fear of germs and/or dirt
- Fear of violence or aggressive impulses
- Abhorrent religious or sexual thoughts
- Hoarding or obsession with order and/or arrangement
- Excessive Handwashing or Cleaning
- Repetitive actions: hair-pulling, counting, touching objects, checking locks, etc.
- Work-a-holism / Perfectionism

# Obsessive Compulsive Anonymous (636) 394-0564

OCA is a 12-step program for people with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD). Not all members have a formal medical diagnosis of OCD, but all members possess manifestations of OCD or related anxiety/panic disorders that interfere with life functioning. It is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other so that they may solve their common problems and help others to recover from OCD. The only requirement for membership is an honest desire to recover.

OCA is not associated with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution. Our primary purpose is to recover from OCD and to help others who still suffer from OCD.

Tuesdays 7:00 PM

St. Louis City: Behavioral Medicine Institute -1129 Mackland Av.

(East of Forest Park Community College)

Saturdays 10:00 AM

West County: Edgewood Program Health Center, 970 Executive Parkway Off of Mason\_Road (Just South Of Olive Street Road.) If you are coming from 270 go west on Olive, make a left onto Mason just past Barnes West Hospital & then a right onto Executive Parkway (Past Houlihans Restaurant)

OCA Weekly Meetings Are For Those 16 & Older Who Have Or Think They Have OCD!

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OCA St Louis Web Site: OCAStLouis.com

All meetings
occur each week throughout the year
unless group leader cancels
because of a major holiday
(such as New Years Eve)

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