

Client Rights to Confidentiality

The confidentiality for alcohol and drug abuse clients and their records maintained by this program are protected by the Federal rules and regulations. The Federal Rules and Regulations do not permit the program to disclose to anyone outside of the program that a client attends the program, or any information identifying a client as an alcohol or drug abuser.

The client has the right of confidentiality for all communication and records regarding his/her program, unless there is a signed Release of Information to a specified person or agency. However, counselors are required by law to report any of the following:

1. Child abuse, neglect or molestation
1. Elder abuse
1. Duty to Warn (Tarsoff Act)

Other Exceptions

1. The client consents in writing.

1. The disclosure is allowed by a court order.

1. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit, or program evaluation.

Violation of the Federal rules and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with Federal regulations. (See 42 CFR Part 2 of the Federal Regulation.)

To revoke any written consent, client must do so in writing and must be signed and dated .

I have read the above and understand my rights to confidentiality .

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CLIENT SIGNATURE DATE

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STAFF SIGNATURE DATE