

## Oregon Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements

The Oregon Area considers the safety of Alateen members and Al-Anon members who do service in Alateen of vital importance. Therefore, we adhere to the 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees and the Safety and Behavioral Requirements in the following documents: Alateen Service e-Manual, Al-Anon Safety Guidelines #G-34, and Alateen Policy found in the current *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* and the *Oregon Area Handbook Section VIII*.

The Oregon Area 47 recognizes and respects that each Alateen group is autonomous. The Area is responsible for use of the Alateen name. Therefore, matters of Alateen safety and behavior affect Al-Anon/Alateen as a whole. The following are the minimum requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) to be of service in Alateen:

1. Every adult working with Alateen in Oregon Area 47 must have successfully completed the AMIAS Candidate Procedures process as found in the Oregon Area Handbook. This process begins with the local District Representative (DR) through the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) who will process the completed application. All AMIAS cooperate with the Oregon Area AAPP in keeping their current contact information up-to-date, especially in responding to the DR for Annual Recertification.
2. In brief, to be considered to serve as an AMIAS, the candidate must:
  - a. Be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings, who has made a commitment to be of service to Alateen on a regular basis.
  - b. Be at least 21 years old.
  - c. Have at least two years in Al-Anon, in addition to any time spent in Alateen.
  - d. Have not been convicted of a felony; have not been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior; and not have demonstrated emotional problems that could result in harm to Alateen members.
3. There must be at least one AMIAS at every Alateen meeting; however, two AMIAS at each meeting are recommended.
4. The Area prohibits overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen members before, during, or after any Alateen meeting or activity.
5. Any conduct contrary to applicable law is prohibited.
6. Parental Permissions:
  - a. Written parental permission must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored function, other than an Alateen meeting.
  - b. Written parental permission must be obtained prior to providing transportation for an Alateen to all Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored functions, including Alateen meetings.
  - c. Written parental permission to treat an Alateen, in the event of a medical emergency when an Alateen is at a function that takes him/her away from the custodial parent/guardian, must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored function. For Alateen meetings, parental permission needs to be obtained as soon as possible.

- d. Written parental proof of insurance or statement of financial responsibility for medical treatment must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any Al-Anon/Alateen-sponsored function, other than an Alateen meeting.

## 7. Roles of an AMIAS

Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service may serve in several roles, such as Group Sponsors or Substitute Sponsors, Drivers, or Chaperones, or other roles as may be determined by the Area. *AMIAS do not serve as personal sponsors to Alateen members.*

## 8. Conferences, Conventions, and other Alateen Events

Any Conference, Convention or event with Alateen participation must agree to abide by the Oregon Area Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements. Additional safety and behavioral guidelines are available for review for participation in Alateen events. Oregon Area 47 suggests that AMIAS familiarize themselves with the appropriate sections of the guideline *Alateen Conferences* (G-16) and with the Oregon Alateen Conference (OAC) guidelines (contact the Area Alateen Coordinator for a copy of the guidelines).

## 9. Alcohol/drug use

Alcohol or drug use by Alateens and AMIAS is specifically prohibited at Alateen events and meetings.

## 10. Reporting suspected child abuse

Oregon Area strongly recommends that each Alateen group follow the guidelines outlined in the Alateen Service e-Manual and the Alateen Safety Guidelines (G-34), which use the same language to address this issue, as follows:

- a. Where reporting is required by those identified as Oregon State Mandated Reporters, there is no choice but to comply with the law. "By law, mandatory reporters must report suspected abuse or neglect of a child regardless of whether or not the knowledge of the abuse was gained in the reporter's official capacity." See Mandatory Reporting, Oregon Department of Human Resources:

[https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/abuse/pages/mandatory\\_report.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/abuse/pages/mandatory_report.aspx)

- b. Alateen Group Sponsors and AMIAS who are required by law to report cases of suspected child abuse should let the Alateens know, up front before sharing begins in any Alateen meeting, that they will disclose such incidents that are discussed at the meeting or event in order to comply with the law.
- c. The Alateen Group Sponsor or AMIAS should follow legal advice regarding anonymity, and report as an individual, not as a member of Al-Anon. Prior to reporting to the authorities, the Alateen Group Sponsor or AMIAS should discuss their intentions with:
  - i. Area Alateen Coordinator, District Rep., or another Area-designated trusted servant
  - ii. The Alateen member

## 11. Email, texting, and social media

Oregon Area 47 recognizes that Alateens respond best through electronic communication. That being given, Oregon Area strongly recommends that AMIAS confine their communication to the sharing of necessary information that concerns Alateen meetings.

Oregon Area recommends that AMIAS refrain from sharing personal contact information, such as social networking websites, personal e-mail or home addresses and phone numbers, unless required by an emergency situation. Alateen does have a presence on social media for public information about the program. Follow Alateen WSO on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

12. Review of Requirements

The Oregon Area 47 Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements were reviewed by local counsel, R. Scott Corey, Springfield, OR on August 26, 2019 in accordance with the 2003 Alateen Motion from the Board of Trustees.

Please note that the Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP) and the Area Alateen Coordinator (AAC) are available to answer any questions about Alateen service that members might have.

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Printed Name of Applicant Phone No.

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Signature of Applicant