

OREGON AREA ALATEEN SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Oregon Area Assembly by a vote of substantial unanimity accepts The World Service Office's Minimum Safety and Behavioral Requirements as being fully applicable in the Oregon Area:

1. Every Al-Anon member involved with Alateen service must:
 - a. be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings.
 - b. be at least 21 years old.
 - c. have a least two years in Al-Anon in addition to any time spent in Alateen.
 - d. not have been convicted of a felony, and not have been charged with child abuse or any other inappropriate sexual behavior, and not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to Alateen members.
2. There must be at least one Alateen sponsor at every Alateen meeting.
3. The Area prohibits overt or covert sexual interaction between any adult and Alateen member.
4. Any conduct contrary to applicable law is prohibited.

In addition to the above the following apply:

1. Satisfactory Background Check must be passed: (Prior to becoming a member involved in Alateen Service) - Fingerprint based (Oregon State Police) - the District would be responsible for the cost. The Area Delegate would be the recipient of the results and would inform the DR of the appropriate District whether the potential sponsor meets this requirement. (Note: In order for those persons involved in Alateen Service prior to the inception of these guidelines to meet this requirement; they must pass a Background Check within six months of implementation of these guidelines.

2. PARENTAL PERMISSION:

- a. Written parental permission must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any Al-Anon/Alateen sponsored function other than an Alateen Home Group Meeting.
- b. Written parental permission must be obtained prior to providing transportation for any Alateen to any Al-Anon/Alateen sponsored function (including Alateen Home Group Meetings).

c. 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 Home Group Meeting.

d. Written parental permission to treat (for emergency medical necessity) must be obtained prior to an Alateen attending any Al-Anon/Alateen sponsored function other than an Alateen Group Meeting.

3. At the 1st AWSC meeting in 2005 an Ad-hoc committee will be appointed to present the groups with items (changes, additions or deletions to the above) to be voted on individually by the groups. The Ad-hoc committee will solicit ideas from the groups for changes, additions or deletions to the above.

4. After legal review any portion in conflict with the law may be reviewed.

5. These requirements become effective 1/1/2005.

6. These requirements become a permanent section of the Oregon Area Handbook on 1/1/2006.