

Section 4: Travel and Events

WA Area Alateen Safety Requirements at Events

Safety Requirements are for the common welfare of Al-Anon/Alateen members. All Alateen members and AMIAS are responsible for themselves, remembering that what they do reflects on Washington Area as a whole, at any conference/assembly, and wherever the name of Al-Anon/Alateen is used. Please be gender and number conscious at all times. One-on-one contact between Alateen members and adults is to be avoided.

Event:

Date:

Participation - Alateen members and AMIAS chaperones attending Events will:

- ✧ Attend all scheduled activities. If meal service at the event is not provided in the registration cost, attendees may leave for their meals, with proper permission forms.
- ✧ Register for events, in advance when required, always providing signed and notarized permission and medical release forms. Members who do not bring these forms will not be allowed to remain at the event.
- ✧ All AMIAS will be provided with visible representation of AMIAS service.

Travel and Accommodations - Alateen members and AMIAS chaperones attending Events will:

- ✧ Arrange for appropriate sleeping arrangements. No girls in boys' sleeping areas, and no boys in girls' sleeping areas. All attendees are to sleep in their assigned rooms. If there are no assigned sleeping rooms, the sponsor or chaperone will work with the Alateen member and other certified Al-Anon members involved in Alateen Service to find the Alateen appropriate accommodations. Alateens may share a room with Al-Anon members but should not share a bed with an Al-Anon member. Alateens should not share a room with an adult couple, unless that couple is their own legal guardians.
- ✧ Travel with required permission slips for all passengers under the age of 18 signed by a legal guardian. There must be a registered "Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service" present, unless the parent of the minors is present. Alateen members 18 years of age or older may drive themselves to events but are ineligible to drive other Alateens under the age of 18. Carpooling or caravanning with other Al-Anon members is recommended whenever possible.
- ✧ Tell their chaperones and medical personnel, if available, if they are traveling with medications. Medications should be in their original bottle with label, and must be turned over to the chaperone for the duration of the event. If a medical professional has advised that medication must be in the Alateen's possession at all times, the Alateen must provide documentation to that effect.
- ✧ Permission and travel forms are not required for legal guardians who are traveling and supervising their own children at events. Legal guardians and Alateens will still need to sign and adhere to this document.

Behavior - Alateen members and AMIAS chaperones attending Events will:

- ✧ Notify each other regarding whereabouts, activities and time frames whenever they are not in the same room or outside space.
- ✧ Respect boundaries. If someone asks for a behavior to stop, please respect that. Abuse of any type is unacceptable and individual experiences may determine personal definitions of abuse and personal comfort levels.
- ✧ Respect site rules and regulations. Members will respect any quiet hours or curfews.
- ✧ Respect site property and the property of other attendees. If property is damaged or defaced, the attendee or the attendee's parent/guardian may be held financially responsible for repairs.
- ✧ Respect the recovery and spiritual environment of our program. **Possession of alcohol, drugs, materials of pornographic nature or weapons is strictly forbidden at ALL events.**
- ✧ Not condone any behavior that violates state law. All persons living in the State of Washington have a responsibility to be aware of the law and comply with it. Smoking under the age of 18 is illegal. It is illegal for adults to provide cigarettes to minors or allow minors to smoke in their presence.
- ✧ Not engage in overt or covert sexual interactions at Area functions. Alateens who are dating will not engage in inappropriate displays of affection. It is never appropriate for these kinds of interactions to occur between any adult and Alateen member.

Parents/Guardians, Alateens, and Chaperones must read these safety requirements before registering. You must sign this form stating you have read and understood the safety requirements. If an attendee is asked to leave, it will be at the attendee's expense.

Alateen Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
(of Alateens under the age of 18)

Date: _____

AMIAS/Chaperone: _____

Date: _____