

WEST TEXAS AREA 54
SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALATEEN AND AL-ANON MEMBERS INVOLVED IN
ALATEEN SERVICE

1. EVERY AL-ANON MEMBER INVOLVED IN ALATEEN SERVICE MUST:
 - A) Be an AL-Anon member regularly attending weekly AL-Anon meetings
 - 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) Not have been convicted of a felony
 - E) Not have been criminally charged with any type of child abuse
 - F) Not have been criminally charged with any crime of sexual nature
 - G) Not engage in any overt or covert sexual action (whether consensual or not) with any Alateen member including but not limited to touching an Alateen member inappropriately, dating an Alateen member, holding or hugging in an inappropriate manner
 - H) Not have demonstrated emotional problems which could result in harm to any Alateen member
 - I) Not conduct themselves in a manner contrary to applicable law
 - J) Have a satisfactory background check which will be repeated only in the event of an absence of more than one year from active Alateen Sponsor Service.
 - K) Attend one (or more) Area Alateen Sponsors Meetings, one (or more) Area Alateen Sponsors' Workshops, and one (or more) District Meetings in their respective District in a year's time
 - L) Annual Recertification REQUIRED no later than June 30th; and, for each succeeding year. Alateen Sponsors will complete the re-certification and submit to Area Alateen Coordinator. A copy of the form will be given to the Area Chairperson, and sent to WSO by the Area Alateen Coordinator. The form states that each AL-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service has met the Area's Safety and Behavioral Requirements and agrees to abide by them.

2. EVERY ALATEEN GROUP MEETING MUST:
 - A) Have a minimum of one Certified Sponsor at each meeting
 - B) Be registered through the Area with WSO annually
 - C) While Alateen Groups have the autonomy to select their group sponsors, they will be restricted to those candidates who meet the Area's Requirements
 - D) Have the Alateen Group Sponsor who will arrive early and stay until the Alateens leave the meeting place, or are in the company of a parent/guardian/custodian.

3. ALL Area Assemblies, Alateen Conferences, Mini-Conference, etc. will abide by the Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements and any other Guidelines adopted by their Governing Body

4. Any Alateen asked to speak at any event will be accompanied by an AL-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (defined as those members who are in direct contact with Alateens and have the core responsibility for Alateens while being of service to Alateen). This would include, but not limited to sponsors, drivers, chaperones, etc. or their parent, guardian or custodian.

5. Any Alateen NOT transported by their Parent/Guardian/Custodian will provide signed Transportation/Medical form(s) to the Alateen Member Involved in Alateen Service providing the transportation.

Texas West: WHO CAN ATTEND ALATEEN MEETINGS

- ✓ All teenagers who meet the requirements of Tradition Three
- ✓ Alateen Sponsors who have met the Area's Requirements
- ✓ Alateen sponsors of other groups may attend an Alateen meeting with permission from its members and sponsors.
- ✓ District Representative may attend any Alateen meeting within their district
- ✓ Area Alateen Coordinator(s) may attend any Alateen meeting
- ✓ It is advisable that parents do not sponsor the Alateen meeting their child is attending.

PROPER REMOVAL OF SPONSORS:

- ✓ Any Alateen may go to the Area Coordinator or District Representative with the problem
- ✓ Area Coordinators will conduct investigation and take appropriate action consistent with the principles of the Al-Anon program and any requirements of the Area's Safety Guidelines.

Al-Anon Member Involved In Alateen Service

*It is required that this form be completed by **all** Al-Anon members involved in service to Alateen.
(Please Print)*

First & Last Name:

Street Address:

City, State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code/Phone:

e-mail:

District:

I am in compliance with my area's safety and behavioral requirements and agree to abide by them.

Signature Date

To the best of my knowledge, the above Al-Anon member meets the area's safety and behavioral requirements.

Authorized Area Signature Area # Date
Please Print Name Below:

Each area must certify to the WSO annually that each Al-Anon member involved in Alateen service has met the area's safety and behavioral requirements and has agreed to abide by them.

WSO Assigned ID Number:

For Area Use:

