

Pennsylvania Alateen Safety Guidelines

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and August 20, 2011)

1. Every Adult involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) must:
 - a.) be an Al-Anon member, regularly attending Al-Anon meetings;
 - b.) be at least 21 years of age;
 - c.) have at least two years in Al-Anon in addition to any time in Alateen;
 - d.) never have been convicted of a felony; never have been charged with child abuse or any inappropriate sexual behavior;
 - e.) not have demonstrated any emotional problems that could result in harm to Alateen members;
 - f.) follow, as a minimum, the WSO Annual Certification Requirements for individuals who work with Alateens.
2. *Any adult involved in Alateen Service must get child abuse and criminal background clearances. The Area will finance clearances with funds already allocated for this purpose.*
3. There must be at least one Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service at every Alateen meeting.
 - a.) Ideally there should be at least two AMIASes attending every meeting, taking into account gender sensitivity, one male and one female.
4. There must be no overt or covert sexual interaction between any AMIAS and any Alateen member.
5. The Al-Anon and Alateen members must prohibit conduct contrary to any federal, state or local law.
6. Permission slips, medical records and medications, in original labeled prescription bottles, are required for all activities outside of the regular meeting.
7. *All Alateen members from Pennsylvania, when traveling to another Area for an Al-Anon/Alateen function:*
 - a.) *Must be accompanied by an AMIAS.*
 - b.) *If the AMIAS is from another Area, they must provide written confirmation that the AMIAS met their Area's requirements, prior to the event, to the Pennsylvania Area Alateen Coordinator (AAC).*
8. *All Alateen members from other Areas attending a Pennsylvania Al-Anon/Alateen event:*
 - a.) *Must be accompanied by an AMIAS.*
 - b.) *If the AMIAS is from another Area, they must provide written confirmation that the AMIAS met their Area's requirements, prior to the event, to the Pennsylvania AAC.*
9. *If an Al-Anon member from another Area chooses to serve in Pennsylvania, they need to meet the Pennsylvania Area clearance requirements.*
10. An Alateen attending Assembly must lodge with the Alateen's parent or Alateen's guardian, or an AMIAS.
11. *At NOMAAC, all Alateen members must be under the supervision of a registered AMIAS or his or her parent or guardian.*
12. Legal counsel will review the Area guidelines.