



DAA
Drug Addicts Anonymous

SAFETY CARD FOR DAA GROUPS

Tradition Five states: Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the addict who still suffers.

Any person seeking help with a drug problem is welcome at this group. No DAA entity determines an individual's membership in Drug Addicts Anonymous. It is this group's conscience that if any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's efforts to carry DAA's message, the group may ask that person to leave the meeting.

This group strives to safeguard the anonymity of DAA members and attendees; however, keep in mind that anonymity in DAA is not a cloak for unsafe and illegal behaviour. Addressing such behaviour and/or contacting the proper authorities when appropriate does not go against any DAA Traditions and is meant to ensure the safety of all in attendance.

The short form of Tradition One states: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon DAA unity." Recognising the importance of group unity, our group strives to create a safe meeting environment in which addicts can focus on achieving sobriety.

Additional Sharing:

- Safety is a topic within DAA that groups and members can address. Developing workable solutions to help keep meetings safe can be based on the principles of DAA. In discussions about safety, keep the focus on our primary purpose, our common welfare, and place principles before personalities.
- Predatory behaviours and unwanted sexual advances are in conflict with carrying the DAA message of recovery and with DAA principles.
- DAA does not provide medical advice or detox services; it has no opinion on outside issues, including medication. Medical advice should come from a qualified physician.
- The only requirement for DAA membership is a desire to stop using. Groups and members strive to create a safe environment for the addict who still suffers.
- If safety concerns arise, individuals can speak with a sponsor, members of the group, a trusted friend and/or a professional to address the concern.
- All groups and entities in DAA are autonomous. There is no government within DAA and no central authority to control or direct its members, but we do share our experience, strength and hope.