



Alateen Motion

- Requires Areas to set safety and behavioral requirements for all Alateens and all Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service.
- These requirements apply to all use of the Al-Anon or Alateen name in conjunction with any meetings, groups, conventions, or any other gatherings in the Area where Alateen participation is offered.

Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements

- Minimum Requirements were set by the 2003 Alateen Motion.
- Alateen meetings, groups, events, and Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service must comply with the Area Requirements.





Area Alateen Process

Area Requirements

- “...if an Area within the World Service Conference Structure uses the Al-Anon or Alateen name in conjunction with **any meeting(s), group(s), convention(s), or any other gathering(s) in the Area where Alateen participation is offered**, the Area must have safety and behavioral requirements for all Alateen members and Al-Anon members involved in Alateen service. These safety and behavioral requirements must meet the minimum requirements of Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.”

(2003 Alateen Motion)

Needed for All Events using the Alateen Name

- Connection with the Area(s)
- Plan for implementing Safety Requirements at the event
- Certified Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service
- Process to confirm current certification with Area(s)



Area Alateen Process

Minimum Requirements

In addition to minimum requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service, the 2003 Alateen Motion set the following minimums:

- There must be **at least one Alateen Group Sponsor** at every Alateen meeting.
- The Area Requirements must **prohibit overt or covert sexual interaction** between any adult and Alateen member.*
- The Area requirements must **prohibit conduct contrary to applicable laws**.
- The Area requirements must contain **procedures for parental permission and medical care** when applicable.
- The Area requirements must be **reviewed by local counsel**.



Area Alateen Process

Alateen Groups

- Alateen groups must have at least **one** certified AMIAS serving as Alateen Group Sponsor at each meeting.
- When no Alateen Group Sponsor is available, Alateens can attend an Al-Anon meeting that meets at the same time and place.
- Since Alateen is Al-Anon, welcome Alateens into any Al-Anon meeting.
- Alateen groups promptly update their group information whenever a change is made. Note that a change in Sponsor or CMA must be updated immediately, as groups do not qualify for registration without active AMIAS in these service roles.



AMIAS

- Who should be certified as an AMIAS?
- Being an AMIAS does not mean you have to be a Group Sponsor.
- Have you thought of being certified as an AMIAS so you can bring an Alateen to their meeting while you attend your Al-Anon meeting?

AI-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service

- Is an AI-Anon member who is directly responsible for Alateens while being of service to Alateen.
- NYN Area clearly defines what roles that involves.
- “Instant” or backup Alateen Group Sponsors must have completed certification through the NYN Area Process.



AMIAS Responsibility

- This is one of the most rewarding jobs you will ever take on.
- Remember, that it is to be taken seriously as our teens safety is in your hands while they are in your care.
- Please remember to put principles above personalities. If, for any reason you do not feel comfortable in making this recommendation, it is OK to refuse.

Recommendation Letter

To the New York North Area Alateen Process Person:

- _____, is an Al-Anon member who has expressed a desire to work with Alateens in a service capacity. One of the requirements to start this process is to get two letters of recommendation from two different Al-Anon members who will vouch for the person listed above. This is a very serious commitment for the perspective AMIAS.
- This will serve as one of those letters of recommendation. I understand that my contact information will be requested and verified. Al-Anon members involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) need to be responsible and trustworthy as the safety of our Alateen young adults are always the main concern for all of Alateen and Al-Anon members combined.
- **I, _____, to the best of my knowledge,** know that the person for whom I am signing this recommendation letter meets the New York North's Area Safety and Behavioral Requirements for Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service which includes the following criteria:
 - He/She attends at least one Al-Anon meeting a week
 - His/Her Home Group for Al-Anon is _____
 - He/She is 21 years of age or older
 - He/She has been active in Al-Anon for at least 2 years not including any time spent in Alateen
 - He/She has not been convicted of a felony
 - He/She has not been convicted of child abuse
 - He/She has not demonstrated emotional problems that could result in harm to Alateen members.
 - He/She agrees not to have any covert or overt sexual interaction (whether consensual or not) with an Alateen member, including but not limited to:
 - Touching a teen inappropriately
 - Dating a teen who is an Alateen member
 - Holding or hugging in an inappropriate manner
 - He/She agrees not to conduct themselves in a manner contrary to applicable laws
- Print Your Full Name and Address: _____ District # _____
- Your signature: _____ Date: _____
- Your phone number: _____
- Your e-mail address: _____
- Return this letter to your District Representative or Contact Person
- **Please remember to put principles above personalities; If, for any reason you do not feel comfortable in making this recommendation, it is OK to refuse.**
- _____

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AMIAS Form

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
Please Print Name Below:

Area #

Date

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:

I have in my possession 2 letters of recommendation. _____

District Representative's Signature

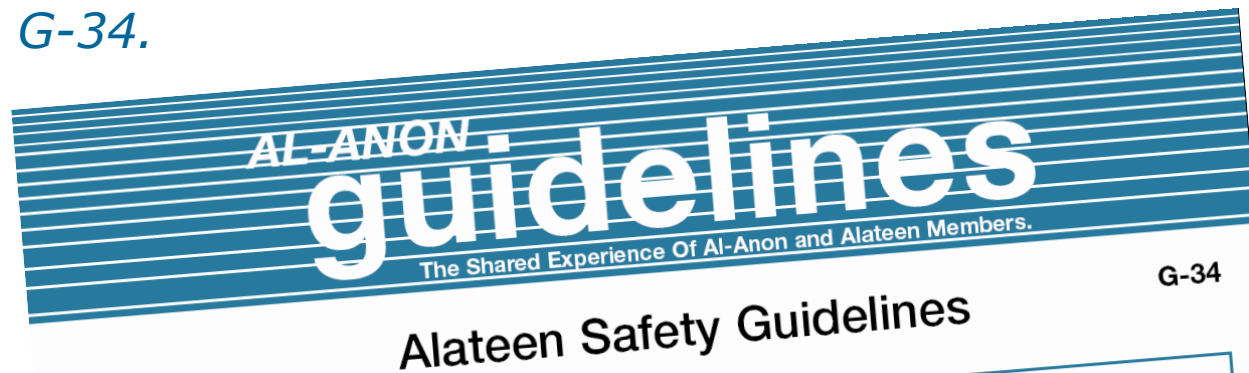
Date

(If there is no District representative, contact the New York North Alateen Coordinator for instructions on how to complete the process.)

Responsibility Statement

“Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service are to provide direction to assure that emphasis is placed on the Al-Anon program of recovery and, to the best of their ability, maintain an atmosphere that will protect the Alateen members from physical and emotional harm.”

*The Responsibility Statement can be found on the WSO **Alateen Safety Guideline, G-34.***



There **WILL** be challenges in Alateen service!

What types of challenges
might we face?

Tools and resources are
available!

Remember, we are
never alone in
Al-Anon/Alateen!



Alateen Resources

- District/Area trusted servants
 - District Representative
 - District/AIS Alateen Chair/Committee
 - Area Alateen Coordinator
 - Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)
 - Area Officers
 - Service Sponsor
 - Alateen Sponsor Workshops
- World Service Office
 - Staff
 - Guidelines/service tools
 - Members' Web site



WSO Alateen Guidelines

- *Alateen Safety Guidelines (G-34)*
- *Starting an Alateen Group (G-19)*
- *Alateen Meetings in Schools (G-5)*
- *Alateen Conferences (G-16)*
- *Area Alateen Coordinators (G-24)*

AL-ANON

guidelines

The Shared Experiences Of Al-Anon and Alateen Members.

Starting an Alateen Group

Starting an Alateen group is a spiritual undertaking. It takes time, commitment, the support of one or more Al-Anon groups, and patience. Before the first meeting contact your District Representative, Alateen Coordinator, or Area Alateen Process Person for information on your Area's Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements and your Area process for distribution and submission of Alateen forms. Your Group Representative can provide the contact

What are your concerns?

- Why have you not become an AMIAS?
- How can you attract Alateens in your District or home town?
- Let's talk to each other and reason things out.
- There is a wealth of Experience Strength and Hope out there; let's use it.



NYNAC Conference

- All attending members of Al-Anon must be certified through the New York North Area as AMIAS.
- This will be verified through the NYN Area Alateen Coordinator/ AAPP.
- It would be helpful to have the medic/nurse and DJ (if using one) be certified AMIAS. If they are not please know who you are bringing to the Conference, keeping the safety of the teens in mind

Notarized Permission and Medical Form

- We have devised in the NYN North Area a Permission and Medical form that is on a two-sided form. Please print as such.
- This will be implemented for any events following the 2013 NYNAC.
- Helps keep all information in one place and also allows the notary to notarize all the information on one sheet of paper.

Anonymity



- It is important to discuss the meaning of anonymity and confidentiality with the Alateen group (Traditions Eleven and Twelve).
- Alateens and Alateen Group Sponsors need to understand the importance of “Who you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here, let it stay here.”
- Sponsors protect Alateen confidences when talking with other Sponsors.

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We are all responsible...

From the *Alateen Safety Guideline* (G-34):

“Before recovery can take place, an environment of trust and safety must exist. It is the responsibility of Al-Anon and Alateen as a whole to work together to maintain a healthy, loving, and supportive environment.”



Using Alateen Literature

- Do you use Alateen Literature in your Al-Anon meetings?
- How?
- What were the results?
- Have you ever used the Alateen Talk newsletter for material as a part of your meeting?
- Remember Alateen is Al-Anon just for younger members.