

Guidelines and Suggestions for Working Within The Treatment Facilities

1. Cooperate with the facility. Although we have our own traditions which guide us, when we are inside any facility or institution we follow their rules. It is not up to us to question them. We just cooperate.
2. Our personal conduct is also important while inside the facility. Please be there on time or early. Please refrain from using foul language in any group situation. Be polite and respectful to the residents and staff. We are representatives of A.A. and their guest.
3. Personal appearance is also important. Please look neat and presentable if at all possible.
4. When you make the commitment to be at the treatment facility, please be there! Someone from our committee will be making reminder calls each month. If you should have trouble making the commitment, please let one of us know so we can fill the spot.
5. Speakers should have 1 year of continuous sobriety and have been through the 12 Steps.
6. Please keep in mind our 12 Traditions and limit our discussions to our problems with alcohol. A.A. Offers a solution to one problem: Alcoholism. This singleness of purpose is what unites all alcoholics in a common bond which is the key to Recovery in A.A.
7. As the chairperson for the meeting, please don't bring more than 3 people (including yourself) into the facility.
8. Anonymity What you see and hear there, let it stay there!

When carrying the A.A. Message into a treatment facility, we are not just one alcoholic talking to another. In their eyes we represent the entire Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. How we act, talk and look might be the only or first representation of A.A. that they see. This is a very important responsibility.

We know A.A. Works so let's do our best and carry this message!