

LIMITS OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Psychotherapy is confidential, with the below stated exceptions:

Duty to Warn: Therapists are mandated by law to disclose pertinent information discussed in therapy if the client has an intent or plan to harm another person.

Suicide/Self harm: Depression is a common emotion expressed in therapy. If a client is feeling hopeless enough to imply or disclose a plan for suicide, steps need to be taken to ensure safety. This would include making reasonable attempts to notify the family and possible admission to psych emergency services.

Animal abuse: Animal abuse, including cases of neglect and hoarding, will be reported.

Vulnerable Adults and Children: Mental health professionals are required by law to report stated or suspected abuse of a child or vulnerable adult to the appropriate social service agencies.

Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances: In keeping with protecting vulnerable populations, Mental Health Providers are required to report admitted use of controlled substances during pregnancy that are potentially harmful to the fetus.

Minors/Guardianship: Parents or legal guardians have the right to access a minor client's health information if the minor is under the age of 12 years old, or with the minor's permission if the minor is 12 years old or older.

Insurance Providers: Information requested includes description of impairments, dates and times of service, diagnosis, treatment plans, treatment progress, prognosis for improvement, case notes and summaries.

I have read and understand the above-stated limitations to confidentiality. I accept the subsequent ramifications should there be a need to act on one of the above-stated exceptions. Other than the noted exceptions, if there are reasons to disclose my protected confidential information, I understand that I will be provided a Release of Information form.

Client Signature:

Date: _____