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Utah Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR)

Pursuant to the Al-Anon World Service Board of Trustees' motion issued December 8, 2003, and affirmed at the 2004 World Service Conference, the following Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements (ASBR) have been put in place for the Utah Area 55 Al-Anon Family Groups.

PURPOSE

Utah Area 55 Al-Anon Family Groups are responsible for use of the Alateen name and oversight of the Alateen program in this Area. These requirements help provide Al-Anon members and Alateens information, guidance, and clarity on what is required to help provide an environment that is safe and free from threats or personal harm for Alateen members, Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS), and potential members who are looking for recovery in the Utah Area.

1. Every Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) will become certified by completing and maintaining the following requirements:
 - a. Be an Al-Anon member regularly attending Al-Anon meetings and have at least two years in Al-Anon in addition to any time spent in Alateen. Al-Anon members who are also members of AA may be certified as AMIAS by virtue of their Al-Anon membership.
 - b. Be at least 21 years old.
 - c. Submit to an initial background check, have their name checked against an official national sex offender registry, and re-checked every three (3) years thereafter.
 - d. Must not have been convicted of a felony; nor been charged with child abuse or any inappropriate sexual behavior.
 - e. Must not have been observed demonstrating behaviors or emotional problems that could result in harm to Alateen members or AMIAS.
 - f. Any overt or covert sexual interaction between any AMIAS and Alateen members is prohibited.
 - g. Any conduct contrary to applicable Federal, State and/or Local law is prohibited.
 - h. Attend Area Alateen Sponsorship training workshops annually.
2. You must be AMIAS to be an Alateen group sponsor.
3. The Current Mailing Address (CMA) of an Alateen group must be a certified AMIAS.
4. Alateen meetings are closed meetings; only Alateen members, AMIAS, and AMIAS serving as group sponsors may attend. Alateen groups may hold an occasional public outreach open meeting.
5. There will be two AMIAS attending every Alateen meeting.
6. AMIAS will familiarize themselves with Utah State law regarding mandatory reporting of child abuse: Utah Code Section 62A-4a-402, 24/7 hotline 1-855-323-3237 https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title62A/Chapter4A/62A-4a-S402.html?v=C62A-4a-S402_2021050520210505 To keep the Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship from public controversy, any reporting will be done on a personal basis, as an interested and concerned adult, rather than as an Al-Anon member
7. AMIAS, Parent/guardian consent forms are not required for regular meetings. For activities away from regular meetings the G-34 (pp. 5-8) forms are required and are date/event specific. <https://al-anon.org/pdf/G34.pdf>

8. During transportation of Alateens to and from events and meetings, the minors being transported must be accompanied by two certified AMIAS and have available the appropriately signed form(s).

9. To use the Alateen name, groups must register through the Area's Alateen process. Alateen Groups that are not in compliance with Utah Area Requirements cannot meet. They will not be listed on meeting lists, schedules, or websites.
10. These requirements were reviewed by Ms. Ence and Mr. Elegante, local counsel for compliance with local laws on November 1 and 3, 2021.
11. **Substantial changes to these requirements, as determined by the Area Chair and Guidelines Coordinator, shall be reviewed by an attorney familiar with Utah law as required by WSO before being voted on. Only Attorney reviewed Requirements are submitted to WSO for review and approval.**

Revision History

Revision Date	Contact	Revision
8/25/2026	Pat D. – Guideline Chair	Approved date top corner and word smith
9/28/2024	Heather M. Alateen ASBR Revision Chair	Submitted to the 2024 Fall Assembly - Approved
4/17/2024		Reviewed by WSO – Sue P
11/3/2021		Reviewed by legal counsel
9/26/2015	Denise L. - Guidelines	Presented to the 2015 Fall Assembly and approved by the body, pending attorney review. Not sent nor approved WSO.

9/5/2015	Denise L. – Guidelines Committee Chairperson	Reformatted and renumbered document. Recreated the Definition of Terms table and moved to Appendix A. Updated the job descriptions for Area Alateen Coordinator and Area Alateen Process Person to match other guidelines. Corrected Grammatical & spelling errors. Added 1.2.4 through 1.2.6 and numbered last sentence to 1.2.7. Rewrote section 2 and added subsections in order to provide clarity to the minimum safety and behavioral requirements for approved AMIAS and Alateen members. Added sections 3.0 and 4.0 to identify the minimum safety and behavioral requirements for Alateen groups and Alateen participation at conferences, conventions, and events. Added sections 5.0 and 6.0 to identify the minimum requirements for the Districts
		and Utah Area concerning Alateen safety. Added section 7.0 to provide direction for reporting Alateen safety concerns. Section 8.0 was reorganized in such a manner as to add more clarity to the process of selecting and approving AMIAS candidates. Section 9.1.1 identified additional positions in which a resignation may be submitted. Added 9.1.4. Section 9.2.1 through 9.2.4 to identify when removal of an AMIAS is necessary. Added section 10.3 Added the Utah Area Alateen Coordinator as a position to which a request for appeal maybe submitted. Section 11 added form 22-5 “Be AMIAS” and added reference to the AI-Anon Service Manual, AMIAS Training Manual, UTAC Guidelines, applicable WSO Guideline Pamphlets.

09/20/2013	Norma D. – Guidelines Committee Chairperson	Added the Background checklist.
2005	Pat D. – Initial Author	Initial Release of guideline

