

District 4 Safety Workshop Planning Committee

To: District 4 GRSs
From: Safety Workshop Planning Committee
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CC: District 4 Groups
Date: June 28, 2020
Re: Safety in A.A.

Comments: GSRs, please use this material as you see fit within your group. You could consider reading this sheet aloud at your next group conscience, having a discussion, and/or recording your groups' responses directly on this form, if useful.

SAFETY and A.A.: Our Common Welfare

Safety is an important issue within A.A. – one that all groups and members can address to develop workable solutions and help keep our members safe based on the fundamental principles of the Fellowship.

Examples of safety issues in AA could include physical safety in areas adjacent to the meeting such as the parking lot, members or visitors who disrupt the meeting, physical fights in meetings, belligerent or threatening members or visitors, sexual harassment or stalking by any gender, or emotional safety issues such as egregious cross talk, hate speech, or “zoom bombing.” It may also include violation of our Anonymity.

We would like to hear from your group any experiences you have had with Safety issues in or around your AA meetings.

All groups are autonomous and we do **NOT** seek a common solution to these issues that every group must follow. But, by sharing your ideas about these issues, we can (1) have a better idea of the issues that you face across your groups and (2) hope to be better prepared to develop a list of suggestions as to how these situations could be handled in your particular group. We will discuss these ideas and answers in the Workshops we plan.

1. What safety issues has your group experienced and/or would like to prepare for?

2. Are there specific issues your group would like the Safety Workshops to address?

Note: You may indicate the name of your group here if you wish.