



Initial Client Contact: Confidentiality Explanation

As a domestic violence/sexual assault program, we are obligated by state and federal law to protect your privacy and confidentiality. We will not share your personal information with anyone outside of this domestic violence/sexual assault agency unless you give us permission to do that by signing a release. That release will be discussed with you before you sign it, and it will be specific to the information you want released, and will be limited in the amount of time that it is good for. However, there are some exceptions to confidentiality. For example, we are required by law to share information about suspected child abuse or neglect with Child Protective Services.

We will be very respectful of your privacy and confidentiality, and we ask you to be respectful of the privacy and confidentiality of the other people who use the program, and not to tell anyone else the identity of anyone you might see here, or the location of the shelter.