Security on the Area Website

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Presented by SCWS Technology and Website Coordinators

Website Changes starting March 1, 2026

- Personal phone numbers will not be posted on the Area website.
- Last names will not be posted.
- Emails with personal information or non-Al-Anon related information will not be posted.
- Flyers containing personal phone numbers and emails will not be posted until the personal information is removed.
- Phone numbers for Districts and AIS Offices will be posted if they are assigned to the AIS or District and not a personal phone number.

Why are we doing this?

- Security concerns came to light during the website redesign
- To keep the SCWS website secure
- To keep personal information of Al-Anon fellows secure

"Care must be taken that members' identifying information from these confidential lists is not made available to the public in published materials or posted on public Al-Anon websites." Digest of Al-Anon and Alateen Policies, page 100.

Why does it matter?

- We have a requirement as a public website to protect personal information
- WSO Guidelines, the Service Manual, and our Traditions also help guide our decisions about protecting the anonymity of all Al-Anon fellows

I am OK sharing my Personal Information

We are not dictating what you can do with your personal information.

We are dictating what the Area can do with your personal information.

Our responsibility is to protect the Area website, if there is a malicious attack and personal data is mined from our site because we did not provide reasonable security measures to protect it, we are open to liability.

The Area provides an SCWS email address for each District Rep, Alternate DR, and DAL to be posted on the District Meetings page. Contact Group Records to request your email.

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Page 32—In keeping with Tradition Eleven, it is not appropriate to post members' names or phone numbers on public venues such as websites or posters.

Page 65 AIS Offices—Maintains a published phone number for those seeking information about Al-Anon and Alateen.

Receives postal mail, email, and phone inquiries and forwards them to the appropriate group for response or follow-up.

Page 98—On any website accessible to the public, whether an Al-Anon site or not, full names, phone numbers, or other identifying information are not posted, if they are identified as belonging to an Al-Anon/ Alateen member. (See "Anonymity": "Anonymity Within Al-Anon/ Alateen": "Anonymity in Al-Anon/Alateen Publications.")

Page 101—Publications and other materials meant for members (such as flyers, reports, letters, email messages, and newsletters) that identify members by full name or provide members' phone number or address can be posted on Al-Anon/Alateen password-protected websites. Posting material meant for members on websites that are not password-protected could result in publishing a member's full name, which violates the principle of anonymity. (See "Anonymity": "Anonymity Outside of Al-Anon/Alateen": "Anonymity and the Media.")

Questions