

Saskatchewan Area 89 Alateen Safety and Behaviour Requirements

These requirements ensure that Saskatchewan “Alateen Members” and “Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service” meet in an appropriate, safe and conducive to recovery environment.

These requirements have been reviewed and approved by local counsel.

Alateen Groups

Alateen Groups: All groups using the Alateen name must be approved by Saskatchewan Al-Anon/ Alateen and registered with the World Service Office at Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters Inc.

A registered group must have:

- A current mailing address
- A meeting location and time
- An appropriate name
- A minimum of two certified sponsors at every meeting (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service)

To be certified as a sponsor (Al-Anon Member in Alateen Service) the member must:

- Be 21 years of age
- Have been attending Al-Anon meetings for two years(Not including any time spent in Alateen)
- Continue to attend Al-Anon meetings regularly (at least 2 meetings per month).
- Have had a “Background Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check within the last five years (and every five years thereafter), to show that the member has not been convicted of an indictable offence, has not been charged with child abuse or any other sexual behaviour.
- Be recommended to the District Representative by the Group Representative as an AMIAS candidate.
- Be recommended to the Area Alateen Process Person by the District Representative as a candidate to be an AMIAS (Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service).

- Be familiar with the Alateen policies in the Service Manual and Alateen Service e-Manual

Saskatchewan Alateen Safety and Behaviour Requirements During Meetings

- There must be two AMIAS at every Alateen meeting (If this is not possible the teens will be invited to attend the Al-Anon meeting).
- An information and permission form (Form A) must be signed by a parent or guardian (in the presence of a AMIAS) if the teen is transported to a meeting by an “Al-Anon Member Involved in Alateen Service”.
- There must be no conduct contrary to provincial laws, including no possession of drugs or alcohol or any other substance prohibited by law.
- There must be no overt or covert sexual interactions between any sponsor and Alateen members or between the Alateen members themselves.
- Al-Anon sponsors must avoid one on one interactions with teens
- Sponsors corners, in full view of other members, will be established as a quiet place for speaking to a sponsor during a meeting.
- Sponsors should have on hand a list of community resources where Alateens can seek help for abuse (placards and hand out cards).
- The Alateen members should be informed of the Duty to Report Protocol.
- The appropriate age range of the group will be an individual group decision. The group may meet to open and close and age groups meet separately for the topic.

Saskatchewan Alateen Safety and Behaviour Guidelines during Area Assemblies, Committee Meetings, Conferences and Conventions

- All teens attending without a parent/guardian must have an "Information and Permission" form (Form A) and a "Medical" form (Form B) signed and witnessed.(A notary witness is not required in Sask.)
- All provincial laws must be adhered to (insurance, seatbelts, drugs or alcohol in vehicle).
- All teens must be in the care of two AMIAS during travel and while at the event if not accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- There must be two AMIAS per room or adjoining rooms for overnight safety.
- Alateen and AMIAS must abide by gender specific dorm rules, ie no girls in boys' rooms and no boys in girls' rooms.
- The responsible AMIAS will provide around the clock security, they must know where the teens are at all times and designate specific times to check in with the AMIAS.
- All teens, even those who are legal adults, are required to comply with area requirements when participating as a Alateen.
- Possession of alcohol, drugs and any substance prohibited by law is forbidden
- All Alateens and their sponsoring AMIAS are to be encouraged to attend all sessions.
- Alateens must remain at the event site for the entire time unless accompanied by two AMIAS.
- Safety and Behaviour" requirements should be posted in folders and in a visible place.
- Alateens will be made aware of the rules before leaving home.
- A sponsor can refuse to take a member, based on the lack of attendance at meetings and acting in an unlawful manner.
- An AMIAS sponsor must be prepared to call the parent or guardian and take the teen to a medical facility for medical attention.
- If a teen refuses to abide by the requirements the parent or guardian must be called to arrange for the teen to be sent or taken home.

Saskatchewan Alateen Safety and Behaviour Requirements for Events with Alateen Participation

- The event must have Al-Anon participation in order to have Alateen participation.
- All conventions, conferences and other events that include Alateen participation must comply with the Alateen Safety and Behaviour requirements of the Al-Anon area in which the convention is held.
- Only those AMIAS who are currently certified through the Area's Alateen process may serve as sponsors, chaperones, or hold other positions of service that include direct responsibility and care for Alateens at conventions or events.

Saskatchewan Alateen Safety Requirements for Public Outreach

- Ensure the information is current and correct.
- Meeting location may be on posters, ads, announcements and Area 89 or World Service websites.
- Only Al-Anon local public service and Al-Anon World Service phone numbers will be included on a poster, advertisement or website (i.e. teen contact numbers must not be published).

These requirements were approved by Saskatchewan Al-Anon/Alateen Assembly June 2, 2018 (Motion 24/18)