

Limits of Confidentiality

Psychotherapy is confidential, with the below stated exceptions.

Duty to Warn: Therapists are mandated by law to disclose pertinent information discussed in therapy if the client has an intent or plan to harm another person.

Suicide/Self harm: Depression is a common emotion expressed in therapy. If a client is feeling hopeless enough to imply or disclose a plan for suicide, steps need to be taken to ensure safety. This would include making reasonable attempts to notify the family and possible admission to psych emergency services.

Animal abuse: I will report animal abuse, including cases of neglect and hoarding.
Vulnerable Adults and Children: Mental health professionals are required by law to report stated or suspected abuse of a child or vulnerable adult to the appropriate social service agencies.

Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances: in keeping with protecting vulnerable populations, Mental Health Providers are required to report admitted use of controlled substances during pregnancy that are potentially harmful to the fetus.

Minors/Guardianship: Parents or legal guardians have the right to access a minor client's health information. Age of adult for psychotherapy is . _____

Insurance Providers: Information requested includes description of impairments, dates and times of service, diagnosis, treatment plans, treatment progress, prognosis for improvement, case notes and summaries.

I have read and understand the above-stated limitations to confidentiality. I accept the subsequent ramifications should there be a need to act on one of the above-stated exceptions. Other than the noted exceptions, if there are reasons to disclose my protected confidential information I understand that I will be provided a Release of Information form.

Client Signature: _____ Date: _____