

CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PATIENT RECORDS

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records maintained by this program is protected by Federal Law and Regulations. Generally, we may not say to a person outside the program that a patient attends the program, or disclose any information identifying a patient as an alcohol or drug abuser unless:

1. The patient consents in writing; or
2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order; or
3. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency, or to a qualified personnel for research, audit, or program evaluation; or
4. The patient commits or threatens to commit a crime, either at the program, or against any person who works for the program.

Violation of the Federal Law and Regulations is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to the United States Attorney in the district where the violation occurs.

Federal Law and Regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under State Law to the appropriate State or Local Authorities. We are mandated to report any such abuse/neglect that is reported to us.

(See 42 U.S.C. 290ee-3 for Federal Laws and 42 CFR Part 2 for Federal Regulations.)

SPECIAL NOTE: Harbor House's van was acquired through a special grant, which specified that we must have the Harbor House name imprinted on the vehicle. Therefore, before any client can be transported in this van, the client must sign a *Transportation Agreement* in order to comply with the Federal Confidentiality Law.