

Confidentiality

The law protects the relationship between a patient and a psychotherapist, and information cannot be disclosed without written permission.

Limits to Confidentiality:

There are situations/circumstances that may arise where we will not be able to protect your identity, and where we are required by law to breach confidentiality regardless of consent. We will notify you if we need to breach confidentiality. The following circumstances are to be reported by law:

A) If you, the patient, report or indicate to the therapist that you plan to hurt yourself or someone else then the therapist by law is required to call 911 in your area. In addition, if you, the patient, report that you are planning to hurt another individual, the therapist is required by law to inform that particular individual that they are in danger in addition to calling 911.

B) If you, the patient, report any type of abuse (sexual, physical, or emotional) regardless of whether you are the perpetrator or the victim to the therapist, we are required to report said information to your local Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) and to your local police. We are required by law to report all abuse even if the perpetrator is deceased or if the abuse took place years ago.

C) We are required by law to release your information if our records are subpoenaed or if they are court ordered. This could happen if you are involved in a legal case. We will do our best to protect your information.



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