

The below "SUGGESTED STATEMENT ON SAFETY" is Conference Approved (2017). The front of the card may be read at meetings if the Group Conscious so desires or utilize all or part of the statement in their meeting format or however else the Group Conscious may decide, always keeping in mind Tradition 4 which states that "Each group should be autonomous." Side 2 is background information. The cards are available at the Central Office for groups desiring same. Use of this information to be guided by the Group Conscious.

## **SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS**

### **Suggested Statement on Safety**

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

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### **Our Common Welfare**

*Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole.  
A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common  
welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.*

**— Tradition One (Long Form)**

It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. will transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviors that could jeopardize the safety of anyone attending an A.A. meeting. Nevertheless, Alcoholics Anonymous is a microcosm of the larger society we exist in. As such, problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. For this reason, groups and members discuss the topic of safety — to raise awareness in the Fellowship and to seek through sponsorship, workshops and meetings, to create as safe an environment as possible to carry A.A.'s message of hope and recovery to the still-suffering alcoholic.