

HERE'S WHAT AA SAYS ABOUT AA:

AA Preamble

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other, that they may solve that their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions.

AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes.

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

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Millions of people have found recovery through AA, including many that were sent by courts or their employers. There are AA meetings in virtually every country in the world, from Australia to Zambia and from Ireland to Russia.

While some that are sent to AA attend the required meetings and never come back, others keep coming back because they find that AA helps them live without alcohol.

AA is NOT part of the court system. We DO NOT work for the courts or the police department.

We DO NOT ask the courts to send people to us. And when people do show up with court cards or forms, we ARE NOT responsible for making sure they are sober.

If a judge, court, school or employer has sent you to AA meetings, it is because they believe there is evidence that you may have a drinking problem. We had nothing to do with their decision, but AA does provide information about alcoholism to interested parties.

IF YOU ATTEND A.A MEETINGS, REMEMBER A FEW POINTS:

⇒ You are a welcome guest.

⇒ While most meetings will sign court cards, some will not. It's up to each individual meeting to decide. Since AA is not allied with the court system, AA is not required to do the courts work. If you arrive at a meeting early, you can ask the secretary or chairperson if they will sign your court card or form.

⇒ If the chairperson or secretary agrees to sign your court card or form, they will probably just sign their first name or initials. We are personally anonymous. We are not court employees.

⇒ Many meetings are open. Anyone may attend. Some are closed. Closed meetings are for alcoholics only.

⇒ If you have any questions, please ask them before the meeting starts, during the break, or when the meeting is over.

⇒ The men and women who voluntarily attend regular AA meetings are alcoholics. They come from all walks of life.

⇒ In AA we respect all members' anonymity. While you are free to take, repeat and use any of the ideas or concepts that you hear at a meeting, please do not identify anyone you heard or saw there.

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⇒ There are no dues or fees for AA membership. We are fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We pass the basket to pay our rent and expenses. If you consider yourself a member, feel free to contribute. If you do not consider yourself a member please do not contribute..