

Group Name: _____

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**I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA
always to be there, and for that
I am responsible.**

We all want the hand of AA to always be there. No one wants to create unspoken or unintentional membership rules that lock the still suffering alcoholic out of our rooms.

Many members have difficulty accessing and also operating technology required for online meetings and other communications.

Do you know of members or potential members that have been impacted by this lack of access?

There is literature for those with different literacy levels, cognitive abilities, vision impairment, and for those with blindness.

Does your group provide or are you willing to provide literature for such needs?

Childcare is one area that makes meeting attendance difficult.

How willing would you be to have child friendly meetings and/or provide childcare?

Did you know the way the meeting is setup can make the difference for deaf and hard of hearing members, members who use a cane or walker, have a service animal, or wheelchair.

Would you be willing to change your meeting setup to help more alcoholics?

Some alcoholics have difficulty accessing in person meetings. These AAs include those who live in a remote community, or group homes, the elder community, and those who are homebound.

Would your group be willing to take a meeting to such members on either a weekly or monthly basis?

Some people require a caregiver, interpreter, aid, or service animal to attend or safely attend meetings. Entry anywhere for some of the listed assistance is required by law. As stated in the pamphlet *Serving All Alcoholics, Making the AA Message Accessible*, "Most groups will agree to having a non-A.A. interpreter attend its closed meetings in such cases, recognizing that professional interpreters adhere to a strict code of ethics that assures the confidentiality of the A.A. meeting." Caregivers and aids too adhere to protecting the anonymity of their client.

Does your group have any issue bringing AAs with their companion into your meeting?

Transportation can be an access and safety issue for people in the fellowship.

Do you provide bus schedules at your meeting?

There is a frequent culture of sharing rides and carpooling in AA.

What are some ways your group ensures the safety of members?

If you feel comfortable doing so, can you describe obstacles that have come up related to lack of access?

Are you willing to create a service position in your group to be in touch with the Accessibilities Committee for updates and any additional support with access needs that may arise?