

NC / Bermuda Al-Anon / Alateen Convention

Safety and Behavioral Policies

The NC / Bermuda Al-Anon / Alateen Convention follows the NC / Bermuda Al-Anon / Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements and the Safety and Behavioral Policies described below:

1. The Convention follows all NC / Bermuda AFG, Inc. Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements.
2. Electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, iPods, etc.) are not to be used during any Convention meeting (i.e. speaker meetings and topic-based discussion sharing sessions) but may be used during non-meeting times and during the dance.
3. The NC / Bermuda Al-Anon / Alateen Convention is not responsible for any videotaping or photography. Anonymity should be respected by everyone. Attendees taking pictures are asked to photograph only those who give permission. Photographs posted on social networking sites are not to be associated with any individual. Members who use this type of communication need always maintain their personal anonymity and that of any Al-Anon, Alateen, or A.A. member.
4. Sexual conduct, misconduct, and roughhousing are not tolerated.
5. The expected conduct of all attendees is clearly explained in the Convention Alateen / AMIAS Registration Packet and will be explained again at Convention. Please review these documents with assisting-AMIAS prior to arrival at Convention. Each attendee is responsible for his / her own behavior, and is requested to report any violation of the Convention policies to the Area Alateen Coordinator, the Area Alateen Process Person, or to any Alateen Sponsor or AMIAS.
6. All attendees are required to attend all speaker meetings and all Alateen-related events. The Convention encourages Alateens to attend all other workshops not conflicting with Alateen workshops. When attending optional workshops, Alateens will require their assisting-AMIAS's approval and the presence of an AMIAS in the workshop.
7. Possession of or being under the influence or use of any mind- or mood-altering substance is strictly prohibited (not including medications prescribed by licensed medical personnel). For Alateens, all prescription medications are safeguarded by the accompanying-AMIAS, however, emergency medications such as inhalers, epipens, etc. may be held by the Alateen at their accompanying-AMIAS's discretion. Any violators will be dismissed from the Convention, and their parent / legal guardian will be notified to take them home.
8. Possession of any type of weapon is forbidden.
9. The Alateen Hospitality Suite may remain open until 2:00 A.M. on Friday and Saturday evening, but will be closed earlier if unable to maintain at least two AMIAS in the Suite while still maintaining a safe environment for Alateens who choose to retire early. Assisting-AMIAS are allowed discretion as to what time their Alateens retire.
10. Each Alateen must make prior arrangements for a same sex certified-AMIAS to be responsible for their safety for the duration of the Convention. Typically, this is accomplished with the help of the Alateen's group sponsor. If unable to find an assisting-AMIAS, Alateens are encouraged to contact the Area Alateen Coordinator, the Area Alateen Process Person, and / or their District Alateen Coordinator. Alateens accompanied by their parent / legal guardian, who are attending and responsible for their teen during the

Convention, are exempt from this requirement. In keeping with the *Alateen Conferences (G-16)* guideline, the Convention suggests that there be a ratio of at least one AMIAS per five teens.

11. Alateens registered at the host hotel convention site are expected to remain on the hotel premises. Alateens may leave the premises for scheduled meals provided they are accompanied by assisting-AMIAS or parent / legal guardian. Alateens with off-site accommodations may also leave the premises with their assisting-AMIAS or parent / legal guardian.
12. AMIAS are responsible for knowing the whereabouts of their Alateen(s) during the Convention. It is the responsibility of all Alateens to communicate their whereabouts to their assisting-AMIAS whenever out of their presence. Alateens moving about the premises without an AMIAS may do so in groups of no less than two, but preferably at least three, and at sponsor discretion. The groups of two must be of the same sex.
13. All Alateens and assisting-AMIAS adhere to Safety Procedures and Policies outlined by the Convention guidelines.
14. Name tags must be worn at all times.
15. The Convention abides by North Carolina laws regarding possession of or use of any tobacco product by minors. Any Alateen who is registered as an Alateen member and participating as an Alateen must abide by the NC / Bermuda Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements and the Convention Safety and Behavioral Policies and Procedures.
16. All Alateens and assisting-AMIAS must be pre-registered according to Convention guidelines. A parent / legal guardian, who is also attending the Convention for the same duration, accepts full responsibility for the teen or has made prior arrangements for an AMIAS to sponsor their teen. Attendees must be pre-registered at least two weeks prior to Convention.
17. Attendees do not fold, spindle, or mutilate the wildlife, hotel property, hotel staff, AMIAS or other Al-Anon members. In other words, be respectful and leave things in the same condition you found them.
18. Attendees are reminded to be respectful of themselves and others with both language and behavior, keeping in mind that you may be the only example of the Al-Anon / Alateen program that others may see.
19. Individual AMIAS, Al-Anon member, NC / Bermuda AFG, Inc., Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc., (AFG, Inc.) or the World Service Office (WSO) shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury that may occur during the Convention.
20. Any violation of these policies will be brought to the attention of the Area Alateen Coordinator, the Area Alateen Process Person and the sponsoring AMIAS and may result in dismissal from the Convention.