

Visitor Confidentiality Agreement

Background

Confidentiality is a cornerstone of any treatment relationship. For people receiving substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, strict confidentiality protections mean that clients can share information about past and current drug use without worrying that it will be used against them by the police or a landlord, employer, judge, or social worker. For people considering whether to enter treatment, studies consistently show that confidentiality and privacy are major considerations. As a certified substance use disorder treatment facility, Maryhaven is required to comply with federal and state confidentiality laws, including HIPAA, 42 CFR, Part 2 and numerous Ohio Revised Code provisions related to the delivery of addiction treatment services. Failure to follow these laws could result in charges against the person who unlawfully disclosed information.

Requirements

While at Maryhaven you may come into contact with a client or a client's information. Client Information includes names, addresses, faces, or photographs of current or former clients. All information concerning clients, staff, and volunteers of Maryhaven is confidential. Confidential means that you are free to talk about Maryhaven and its programs. You are not permitted to disclose clients' names or talk about them in ways that might make their identity known. No information may be released without written permission from the client.

How This Affects You

The following outlines the rules you agree to follow while at Maryhaven.

1. You agree to be accompanied by a Maryhaven employee at all times.
2. You will never voluntarily confirm or deny someone was or is a Maryhaven client.
3. You will not take pictures of clients.
4. You will not share any personal information with or ask for any personal information from any client except to carry out your responsibilities while you are at Maryhaven.

By signing this you agree to follow the above rules and to keep all client Information confidential while in any Maryhaven facility and after you leave.

Signature

Printed Name

Date