

## Limits of Confidentiality

As a counselling client, you have a right to confidentiality. What you tell your counsellor is between you and her.

**Registered Counsellors are mandated by law to disclose any of the below client concerns.**

- 1) If you provide information that leads your counsellor to believe that you intend to harm yourself or others, there is a legal and ethical obligation to inform the appropriate authorities, significant others and/or the potential victim(s).
- 2) In any instances where it is believed a child may be in or near and present danger, physically or mentally, action towards the child's protection will be taken, and the police and/or Child Protective Services will be contacted.
- 3) Prenatal Exposure to Controlled Substances: in keeping with protecting vulnerable populations, Mental Health Providers are required to report admitted use of controlled substances during pregnancy that is potentially harmful to the fetus.
- 4) In suspected Animal abuse, including cases of neglect and hoarding, the proper authorities will be notified.
- 5) Upon the demand of legal authority, proceedings, or a law enforcement officer with a court order, the required/requested information will be released.

I have read and understood the above-stated limitations of confidentiality. I accept the subsequent ramifications should there be a need to act on one of the above-stated exceptions. Other than the noted exceptions, if there are reasons to disclose my protected confidential information, I understand that I will be provided with a Client Release of Information form.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

