

The Mind of Christ Counseling Center Mandatory Reporting Requirements

Client records are protected by law under federal law and the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. At The Mind of Christ Counseling Center, we keep our client records in a locked storage area. Your records will not be shared without your permission.

However, **Licensed Professional Counselors and Interns are required by law to report to authorities certain activities** that their clients report to them. Those activities include:

1. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that the **client plans to hurt himself or herself**
2. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that the **client plans to hurt someone else**
3. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that the **client is being harmed**
4. **Suspected** child abuse or neglect
5. **Suspected** abuse or neglect of the elderly or other incapacitated adults

You should be aware that any statements you make regarding any of the above situations will need to be reported to authorities. These reports could lead to an investigation of your situation by authorities and appropriate actions may be taken.

In addition to these harmful situations, The Mind of Christ Counseling Center may also be **required to release your information** if:

1. It is needed by medical personnel in a **medical emergency**.
2. **Crimes** are committed on The Mind of Christ Counseling Center premises or against The Mind of Christ Counseling Center.

I have read (or have had read to me) and understand the above information as indicated by my signature on The Mind of Christ Counseling Center Agreement Form.