

# Be Still Counseling, LLC

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## Confidentiality and Duty to Warn

Therapy at Be Still Counseling is confidential, with the below stated exceptions.

-Duty to Warn- Therapist are mandated by law in the case of an expressed desire to hurt another person to inform both the intended victim and law authorities.

-Suicide/Self-Harm-Suicidal thoughts are common in therapy, however when clients express plans, intent, and means to harm, therapist is required to assist in getting the client help. This would include notifying law authorities and making reasonable attempts to notify family members. Please note thoughts of suicide are not necessarily indicators of needing a hospitalization but are red flags in treatment.

-Animal Abuse-Will be reported including neglect, physical abuse, and hoarding.

-Children and Vulnerable Adults-Therapist are mandated by law to report suspected and/or stated incidents to social services and law authorities.

-Insurance Providers-receive diagnosis, case notes and summaries, treatment plans, dates and times of services, and prognosis for improvement.

- First Responders-Insurance providers will receive your confidential information for billing purposes, however unless indicated by you (with a signed release) your employer will not receive any information around treatment. The exception to the statement would be if any of the above occurred and therapist had concerns around safety at work.

I have read the above statements, have a clear understanding of my confidentiality and the limits, and agree to continue in treatment despite the above. I understand that if I want anyone else involved in my treatment, I will sign a release of information.

Signature

date

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