

**University Of South Alabama**  
**Peer Health Education Team**  
**Confidentiality Agreement**

**Please read this agreement, print it, sign it and return it to the Student Health Center.**

This agreement is a code of ethics among those who commit to the program regarding the anticipated norms guiding behavior during involvement in the program. Many issues peer educators deal with involve information of a highly personal nature. Educators are bound by the same ethics of confidentiality as are professionals dealing with similar issues. Program credibility requires that individuals seeking assistance and information are confident educators will maintain confidentiality. This agreement defines situations in which confidentiality should be honored and specific limitations.

I will protect confidentiality of information shared by individuals regarding their acquaintances, relationships and behaviors.

I will protect confidentiality of information shared by individuals within the peer educator group.

I will protect confidentiality of individuals when under social pressure to inform.

I understand alcohol and other drugs may influence personal judgements regarding confidentiality protection and will avoid situations compromising personal credibility.

I will protect confidentiality of individuals in situations when "significant others" feel they have a right to know.

I will confront other peer educators in situations where confidentiality may be jeopardized.

While confidentiality is the norm, certain exceptions shall be referred immediately to professional staff.

**Exceptions include:**

\*Situations involving real or potential dangers to the safety or well-being of peers, educators, or others.

\*Child abuse, sexual abuse, and other situations, involving legal requirements of disclosures.

\*Severe family dysfunction, psychotic behavior, extreme drug/alcohol abuse, and any other problems beyond the experience and expertise of the peer educator.

I agree to maintain confidentiality of information imparted during the course of program-related activities as outlined in this agreement.

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**Peer Educator**

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**Date**