

## **Fair Way Counseling**

### **MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Patient records are protected by federal law. Fair Way Counseling maintains client records in a locked storage area. Your records will not be shared without your permission.

However, **therapists are required by law to report to authorities certain activities** their clients report to them. Those activities include:

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

*You should be aware 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, Fair Way Counseling 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 Fair Way Counseling premises or/and against Fair Way Counseling.

**I have read and understand the above information.**

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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