



## ALT RECOVERY GROUP PATIENT CODE OF CONDUCT

These are a few basic rules and expectations about conduct at or near ALT Recovery group properties. ALT strives to provide a safe and healthy environment for our patient and our business neighbors; therefore, we hold all patients accountable and responsible for helping us enforce these standards. With your help, ALT can continue to protect a professional image to patients and to the community, thereby ensuring that ALT can continue to offer services.

You are expected to read, sign, and abide by this Patient Code of Conduct. Should you have any questions regarding these or other program regulations, please contact your counselor or another ALT team member for assistance.

The following behaviors are **unacceptable** and **will not be tolerated**. Violation of these rules may result in progressive administrative actions which may include a written warning and/or a behavior contract, attendance at a mandatory Treatment Team, administrative taper or immediate treatment termination. A patient who has been placed on an administrative (involuntary) taper will be notified in writing of this action the day the taper will start. Violations of the Patient Code of Conduct will be considered in any future requests for readmission.

- 1) Actions which will result in **immediate treatment termination** (no taper, no more doses, no more access to program premises, no appeal, no readmission):
  - a) Threats of or actual physical violence against any program staff member or patient including demanding or threatening behavior
  - b) Destruction of agency, staff or other patient property including damage to any ALT property (including sidewalks, trees and other plants near our building)
  - c) Theft of ANY item(s) from ANYONE associated with our services
  - d) Use of obscene or disrespectful language regarding race, sexual and/or gender orientation or appearance
  - e) Bringing a weapon into the building or surrounding premises
- 2) Actions which may result in **immediate discharge or an involuntary medication taper, and a minimum of 1 year** before you may reapply for readmission:
  - a) Holding, passing or selling drugs (this includes prescription medications and over the counter medications) or alcohol at or near ALT (includes sidewalk and parking area)
    - i. Includes any actions that could be interpreted as "drug dealing". **DO NOT GIVE ANYTHING TO ANYONE AND DO NOT TAKE ANYTHING FROM ANYONE** (Including cigarettes, lighters, money, random papers, phones, phone numbers, etc.)
    - ii. Open possession, consumption and/or distribution of ANY alcoholic beverages
  - b) Diversion of dose (no giving away, selling or renting of doses, they are intended for use only by the patient on the date indicated on the methadone take home bottle or buprenorphine prescription)
  - c) Receiving methadone or buprenorphine at another program or prescriber (double dosing)
  - d) Falsification of intake information
- 3) Actions which may result in **an involuntary 21-day methadone taper or a buprenorphine taper and a minimum of 30 days** before you may apply for readmission
  - a) Evidence of continued dangerous misuse of drugs and/or alcohol
  - b) Unacceptable conduct at or near ALT's property (including business neighbors):
    - i. Smoking or use of tobacco or tobacco-related products including marijuana and e-cigarettes (in or on the property)
    - ii. Loitering
    - iii. Causing unreasonable disturbance
    - iv. Disrupting traffic flow, parking in spaces not assigned to ALT, using the handicap parking place without a handicap placard
    - v. Dressing in an inappropriate manner, such as wearing pajamas, low cut shirts or low hanging pants, hats, beanies, hoodies, sunglasses, not wearing footwear, or otherwise specified by staff
    - vi. Leaving children or pets unattended at any time while at the clinic
    - vii. Falsifying transportation records
    - viii. ANY other behavior(s) that could jeopardize the safety of ALT's affiliates, its community relations, business reputation, and safety standards, as specified by staff.

**I hereby acknowledge that I have been given a copy of the Patient Code of Conduct. I have read and understand this document and agree to abide by ALT's rules.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_