

Safety Committee Report

We have drafted the following suggestions regarding underage membership in ABA:

- 1) ABA is not appropriate for anyone under the age of 16.
- 2) Individuals between the ages of 16 and 18 are encouraged to bring a trusted adult with them to their first several meetings. This adult need not be a parent or guardian, but someone the teen trusts, who can help them navigate early recovery. (Closed meetings are encouraged to allow these trusted adults to attend with the underage members.)
- 3) While every member of ABA should have access to group contacts, it is inappropriate for underage members' contact information to be included on contact lists. They can have the lists, and contact members as they choose, but adults need not have access to minors' information.

We believe all groups should be given these suggestions and encouraged to follow them.

In service,

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