

Notice of Privacy Practices

I, Matthew B. Sughrue, MS, LMFT, LCMFT, have a duty to advise you of your rights of privacy while engaging my professional services. Maintaining your confidentiality during the therapy process and after therapy ends is a critical element to healing. Everything you say in a session is confidential with four specific exceptions.

1. If you or anyone in treatment appears to me to be an imminent threat to hurt themselves, I have a duty under the law to take some action to protect you or them by contacting authorities or insisting that you or they go to the emergency room for psychiatric evaluation.
2. If you or anyone in treatment appears to me to be an imminent threat to hurt someone else, I have a duty under the law to take some action to protect you or them by contacting authorities or insisting that you or they go to the emergency room for psychiatric evaluation.
3. If you or anyone in treatment informs me of any child abuse or elder abuse, I have a duty under the law to report these circumstances to authorities.
4. If I am subpoenaed by a court I must respond to it by law. Sometimes that means I must provide case notes, progress notes and be available to testify under oath.

Please sign below acknowledging you read and understand this notice.

Client Name (Printed)

Date

Signed:
