

Grace Counseling Center Confidentiality Policy

Are my counseling sessions kept confidential at Grace Counseling Center?

Grace Counseling Center is committed to the confidentiality of information shared during counseling as much as possible. However, there are times when it is appropriate to reveal certain information to others. In particular, the counselors of this church may disclose confidential information to appropriate people in the following circumstances:

- 1) Counselors may discuss counseling sessions and cases with the GCC director, other GCC counselors, and/or the pastors/elders of Grace Bible Church of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, but only when it is necessary in order to gain the benefit of additional insight and input;
- 2) If the counselee attends another church and if the GCC director agrees, the counselor may also communicate information about counseling sessions and cases with the pastors or elders of that church;
- 3) If the person who disclosed the information or any other person is in imminent danger of serious harm unless others intervene;
- 4) On rare occasions, church discipline may be required to deal with continued sinful behavior. In those cases, the pastors/elders of this church or the counselee's home church may be advised of the circumstances of the case.
- 5) Under certain circumstances, Idaho law requires a counselor to report suspected child abuse (see Idaho Statutes, Title 16, Chapter 16).

Counselors will normally provide counselees with written notice of these confidentiality provisions; nevertheless, these provisions shall be in effect regardless of whether such notice is given.