

How to Start an Alateen Group

Each Area in the World Service Conference structure has Alateen Safety and Behavioral Requirements in place. Al-Anon members wishing to become certified as Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service (AMIAS) need to become familiar with their Area's Requirements. Information may be obtained from:

- Your District Representative or District Alateen Chair/Coordinator
- Your Area Alateen Coordinator or Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP)
- Your Area Web site (visit www.al-anon.alateen.org, and click on "How to Find a Meeting"/"Find a Local Meeting." Then click on your state/province for a pop up window with the Area site.
- If you cannot locate the information, contact WSO at wso@al-anon.org (with "Alateen" in the subject line) and staff will connect you with the Area Alateen Coordinator.

All Alateen paperwork for AMIAS certification and registration of groups must be submitted through your Area process. After completion of the steps in your Area process, the Area will submit the final paperwork to WSO for processing of AMIAS certification and registration of groups. When AMIAS certification is complete, the Area will notify the member. When group registration is complete, the WSO will send a New Group Packet to the new group.

Important Things to Know when Starting an Alateen Group:

- Alateen groups must be registered, with certified AMIAS, before the group begins to meet.
- Alateen meetings are closed meetings; only Alateens and the Area-certified AMIAS affiliated with the group attend.
- Only currently registered Alateen groups are able to meet and are listed in local directories and on Web sites.
- All changes to Alateen group information are sent to WSO through your Area's process.
- Submitting incomplete forms or bypassing the Area's process will create delays.

WSO Alateen Forms

(All Alateen forms are distributed by the Area)

Helpful Alateen Information

- [Starting an Alateen Group](#) (G-19)
- [Alateen Safety Guidelines](#) (G-34)
- *Youth and the Alcoholic Parent* (P-21)
- *Facts about Alateen* (P-41)
- [Information for Educators](#) (S-64)
- *A Guide for Sponsors of Alateen Groups* (P-29)
- *Alateen Sponsorship: Is It for You?* (S-27)
- [Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual](#) (P-24/27)

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**Alateen
Registration/
Group
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