

BRIDGING THE GAP  
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Treatment and Corrections Standing Committees

Area 69 Utah Do's and Don't's Suggestions for BTG Volunteers

1. DO take the new member to a meeting within the first Twenty-four hours of release.
  2. DO take an other member of the fellowship on this Twelfth Step Call.
  3. DO explain to the new member that this is a temporary commitment, usually limited to six visits. This is important so the BTG volunteers can help the next new member.
  4. DO make sure that the new members receive Meeting Schedules, Telephone Numbers, Literature, and their own Big Book.
  5. DO encourage them to attend meetings as often as possible, emphasize the importance of the home group.
  6. DO explain the important of sponsorship, share how you got your sponsor.
  7. Do refrain from using profanity, unrelated and off-color jokes, prolonged monologues of drunk stories and other types of self indulgence.
  8. Do respect full anonymity of new members at all times.
  9. DO keep in touch with your sponsor and your High Power.
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1. DO NOT forget the importance of the new members first meeting within Twenty-four hours of release.
  2. DO NOT become responsible for the members attitude or actions in or out of the meetings.
  3. DO NOT become a personal taxi service.
  4. DO NOT let the new member dictate where to go for the meetings.
  5. DO NOT allow any emotional or romantic relationship to develop.
  6. DO NOT act in any reporting or communicating capacity regarding the new member and the justice system or treatment facilities.
  7. DO NOT intercede in behalf of any individual affected by decisions of the administration.
  8. DO NOT forget you are not in control, you are not GOD.

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## What AA Does and Doesn't Do

### WHAT AA and BTG DOES:

1. Helps people with a desire to stop drinking to find a solution to their problems.

### WHAT AA and BTG DOES NOT DO:

1. Furnish initial motivation.
2. Solicit members.
3. Charge dues or fees.
4. Operate clinics or drying-out facilities.
5. Operate clubs.
6. Provide housing, meals or transportation.
7. Keep membership records.
8. Follow-up on errant members.
9. Controls its members.
10. Hold classes.
11. Practice medicine, psychiatry, or nursing.
12. Offer religious services.
13. Offer professional counseling.
14. Accept money from non-members.
15. Do research.
16. Join councils or social agencies.
17. Loan money.