

# **HEALING WATERS COUNSELING MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Patient records are protected by law under federal law. At HEALING WATERS COUNSELING, we keep our patient records in a locked record storage area. Your records will not be shared without your permission.

However, **therapists are required by law to report to authorities certain activities** that their patients report to them. Those activities include:

1. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that **the patient plans to hurt himself or herself.**
2. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that **the patient plans to hurt someone else.**
3. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that **the patient is being harmed.**
4. Suspected **child abuse or neglect.**
5. Suspected **abuse of the elderly** or other incapacitated adults.
6. The **threat of suicide or homicide.**

**You should be aware any statements you make  
regarding any of the above situations  
will need to be reported to authorities.**

**These reports could lead to  
an investigation of your situation by authorities  
and appropriate actions may be taken.**

In addition to these harmful situations, HEALING WATERS COUNSELING may also be **required to release your information** if:

1. It is needed by medical personnel in a **medical emergency.**
2. **Crimes** are committed on the HEALING WATERS COUNSELING premises or against HEALING WATERS COUNSELING.

**I have read and understand the above information.**

Patient's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_