

AA GUIDELINE FOR INTERNET USE

The AA Guideline below is compiled from the experience of AA members in the various service areas. They also reflect guidance given through the *Twelve Traditions* and the Australian and the US/Canada General Service Conferences.

- We recommend that all members engaging in Social Media sites such as Facebook / Twitter / Instagram / Reddit etc check their privacy and security settings to ensure that only the people they want to allow access to their information are enabled.
- Please be aware that most social media sites require personal identification information to ensure that you are who you say you are.
- AA' Face Book groups. To protect privacy of members they should be Secret Groups where members can only see who is in the Group and join up by invitation. They are unable to be found by search function.
- When adding posts or commenting on public social media sites, members should keep in mind our 11th Tradition.
- Please respect other people's anonymity by (a) not publishing photographs taken at an AA event (unless you gain there permission first) (b) not referring to AA in any comments
- There are others such as "Reddit" which do not require that information.
- When sending out AA related emails to distribution lists please be considerate of other AA members confidentiality and use the Blind Carbon Copy address field to protect members identity.
- Have a note added to the pamphlets on Anonymity and Sponsorship to the effect that perhaps sponsors could point out to new members that our Anonymity is a valuable asset.
- Promote the use of our pamphlets on Anonymity.
- Promote the use of the FRAGILE ANONYMITY Poster.

