

## What Does a Temporary Contact Do?

- If possible, they contact the newcomer while he or she is still in treatment. If they are unable to connect while the newcomer is in treatment, they do so within the first 24 hours of the newcomer's release.
  - To avoid any misunderstandings, they explain clearly that this is a temporary arrangement.
- They review with the newcomer the many different meeting formats, cover the difference between open and closed A.A. meetings and accompany the newcomer to a variety of meetings.
- They discuss the concept of personal anonymity.
- They encourage the newcomer to attend a variety of meetings as often as possible during the first few weeks after release.
- They provide the newcomer with meeting resources (meeting book) and information on how to get the Meeting Guide App.
- They introduce the newcomer to members of the fellowship and encourage them to get phone numbers.
- They show the newcomer AA literature and explain how they can obtain it.
- Most importantly, they help the newcomer choose a home group, and advise them on how to get a sponsor or temporary sponsor.

Keep in mind that this is basic Twelfth Step work.

## What a Temporary Contact Does Not Do

- They do not provide any form of financial support.
- They are not a source of transportation.
- They do not provide any sort of social or counseling service.
- They do not provide medical or psychiatric advice.
- They do not offer religious direction.
- They do not debate or offer opinions outside the scope of their experience with the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.
  - Tradition 10: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues.

Remember Temporary Contacts are not Sponsors.