

Informed Consent Form for Online Counseling

Download a comprehensive **informed consent form sample** tailored for online counseling to ensure legal compliance and client understanding. This template highlights important aspects such as confidentiality, session policies, and emergency procedures. Use it to establish clear communication and trust between counselors and clients in a virtual setting.

Sample Informed Consent Form

1. Introduction

This informed consent form provides information for clients who wish to participate in online counseling services. Please read each section carefully and indicate your understanding and agreement where appropriate.

2. Nature of Online Counseling

Counseling will be conducted via secure online platforms. There are benefits and risks unique to online counseling, including technological failures and limits on confidentiality.

3. Confidentiality

- All sessions will be held in confidence, in accordance with professional ethical standards.
- Limits to confidentiality include the risk of harm to self or others, or as required by law.
- Reasonable efforts will be made to secure communications, but complete security cannot be guaranteed.

4. Session Policies & Procedures

- Sessions will be scheduled in advance and must be kept in private, distraction-free environments.
- Missed appointments or late cancellations may be subject to fees as outlined by your counselor.

5. Emergencies

Online counseling is not appropriate for emergency situations. In the event of a crisis, please contact local emergency services or the nearest hospital.

6. Consent

By signing this form electronically, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the information provided, and you consent to participate in online counseling sessions.

Client Name:

Date:

☐ I consent to online counseling and have read and understood the above terms.