

Safety Statement

The Montreal SLAA Intergroup has adopted the following statement on June 2, 2026, for use by individual groups, as needed.

Tradition Five states: **“Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the Sex and Love Addict who still suffers.”**

Any person seeking help with a sex and love addiction is welcome in this group. No SLAA entity determines an individual's membership in Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous. It is this group's conscience that if any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's efforts to carry SLAA's message, the group may ask that person to leave.

This group strives to safeguard the anonymity of SLAA members and attendees; however, keep in mind that anonymity in SLAA is not a cloak for unsafe or illegal behaviour. Addressing such behaviour and/or contacting the proper authorities when appropriate, does not go against any SLAA Tradition and is meant to ensure the safety of all in attendance.

Tradition One states: **“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon S.L.A.A. unity.”** Recognizing the importance of group unity, our group strives to create a safe environment in which addicts can focus on achieving sobriety and recovery.

- Safety is a topic within SLAA that groups and members can address. Developing workable solutions to help keep our groups and meetings safe can be based on the principles of SLAA.
- In discussions about safety, keep the focus on
 - our primary purpose,
 - our common welfare, and
 - placing principles before personalities.
- Bullying, predatory behaviours and unwanted sexual or emotional advances are in conflict with carrying the SLAA message of recovery and with SLAA principles.

- The only requirement for SLAA membership is a desire to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. Groups and members strive to create a safe environment for the addict who still suffers.
- If safety concerns arise, individuals can speak with a sponsor, members of the group, a trusted friend and/or a professional to address the concern.
- Service entities, such as intergroups and [Fellowship-Wide Services](#) are available to help provide SLAA services and shared experience. All groups and entities in SLAA are autonomous. There is no government within SLAA and no central authority to control or direct its members, but we do share our experience, strength and hope.

Adapted from the [AA Safety Card](#)

Additional Reading

- SLAA Journal "[Safety in Meetings](#)" Issue 142
- [Safety Suggestions](#) on the SLAA FWS Website

Group Safety Suggestions

1. Our Groups are never a place to act out. Anyone subjected to bullying, harassment, inappropriate unwanted sexual or emotional advances and/or other abuse should report the incident to a trusted servant immediately.
2. Take timely action that includes the realistic warning to the offending person that illegal behaviour will be reported to the police and pursued by the group.
3. Stay in reality not denial of the extent of the situation BUT stay out of drama.

4. It is the responsibility of volunteers from the group to handle this as trusted servants on a timely basis.
5. Two members should approach the individual and acknowledge the alleged behaviour really shows how unmanageable our addiction can be.
6. Assure the person that the group wants to help them with recovery, and will do so.
7. However, it needs to be said with caring: "This behaviour is unacceptable. We want to help you, but if the behaviour continues, we will have no choice except to remove you from our group and/or report it to the police. Everyone who comes to our meeting, sincerely looking for help will get it. People of all genders must be safe. Please consider carefully what we have said before you return to the group or meeting."
8. Immediate action is necessary and so the group does not require a "formal meeting" to acquire a formal "group conscience."
9. The offender might enjoy getting lots of attention and therefore a simple communication by two members with good recovery in SLAA is better.
10. One person should not take it upon themselves to handle this alone.
11. Some of the leaders of the group, current and former officers, sponsors and/or long timers in program should help.
12. Although [business meetings](#) and group conscience are very important for many decisions, some things are better dealt with discreetly by a few trusted servants.

Adapted from the SLAA Virtual Intergroup, "[Safety](#)".