

THE PHONE TREE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!!

<p>1. What is the Phone Tree?</p>	<p>It is a way to get a newcomer or an out-of-town member a ride to a meeting.</p>
<p>2. How does it work?</p>	<p>Each area should have a male and female phone tree coordinator. These coordinators maintain a list of their area meetings and members who are willing to give someone a ride to that meeting. When a newcomer or out-of-towner calls the NA Helpline looking for a ride to a meeting, the Helpline volunteer calls the appropriate coordinator, Male or Female, with the phone number of the individual looking for a ride. The coordinator then relays the information to a volunteer who can give them a ride. The volunteer then calls the person who wants a ride and arranges to pick them up. The addict will not be given your phone number and it is strongly suggested that you don't either.</p>
<p>3. What are the requirements to be a phone tree volunteer?</p>	<p>We recommend that the volunteers have at least 6 months clean and the coordinators have at least 1 year clean.</p>
<p>4. Are there any guidelines?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chief requirement is willingness. • Males give males a ride, and females give females a ride (NEVER DO 12 STEP CALLS ALONE!!!) • Do not pick up anyone you're uncomfortable with. • If after the getting the person to the meeting, if you feel uncomfortable with that person, ask other members for help. • Do not make any stops for the person on the way home, other than for coffee or fellowshipping.
<p>5. How do I volunteer?</p>	<p>Put your name on the list if you are interested in volunteering.</p> <p>First, you may want to talk it over with your sponsor. Talk to your area about becoming a Phone Tree Coordinator. Attend the Regional HI/PR meeting at the CSO, 1701 S. 1st Avenue, Suite 508A, Maywood on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Or sign up online at www.chicagona.org.</p>

Thank you for your service!!!!

Chicagoland Region Public Relations Committee of Narcotics Anonymous