



Sisters in Sorrow

Advocacy Volunteer Guidelines & Code of Conduct

Thank you for choosing to support the work of Sisters in Sorrow. Our mission is to challenge the stigma surrounding suicide, promote respectful language, and advocate for dignity and compassion for those who have died by suicide and for the families who carry their memory forward. As a volunteer advocate, you represent this movement in your community and online. The work requires integrity, responsibility, and respect for those affected by suicide loss.

1. Mission Alignment

I will support the mission of Sisters in Sorrow by promoting dignity, compassion, and responsible dialogue about suicide and suicide loss.

2. Confidentiality

I understand that I may encounter sensitive personal information. I will not share, discuss, or disclose any private information about individuals, families, donors, or internal organizational matters without explicit permission.

3. Respectful Conduct

I will treat all participants, fellow volunteers, and staff with dignity and respect. Harassment, discrimination, gossip, or harmful behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

4. Boundaries

I understand that I am serving in an advocacy role. I will not present myself as a therapist, counselor, or medical professional unless formally licensed and authorized to do so. If individuals seek crisis support, I will encourage them to contact appropriate professional or crisis resources.

5. Social Media & Public Representation

I will not post photos, stories, or identifying information about events or participants without written consent. I understand that when speaking publicly or online about this work, I represent Sisters in Sorrow and will communicate in a respectful and responsible manner.

6. Responsible Messaging

As a volunteer advocate, I will promote accurate and compassionate language when discussing suicide and suicide loss. I will avoid language that assigns blame, shame or stigma to those who have died by suicide or to the families they leave behind. When speaking publicly or online about the mission of Sisters in Sorrow, I will strive to support conversations that promote dignity, understanding, and compassion.

7. Safety & Compliance

I will follow all event guidelines and instructions provided by leadership to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

8. Organizational Discretion

Sisters in Sorrow reserves the right to remove a volunteer at any time if conduct does not align with these standards.

Acknowledgment

By agreeing to volunteer with Sisters in Sorrow, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to uphold these Volunteer Guidelines & Code of Conduct.