

CELL PHONE / ELECTRONIC RECORDING POLICY

This policy is in effect for all clients. Unless you are expecting an emergency phone call the policy of this office is that when counseling/psychotherapy begins you are expected to turn off all cell phones. Because counseling sometimes involves sensitive sharing of information, relaxation or hypnotherapy procedures, the ringing or vibration of a cell phone can be distracting and counter-therapeutic. Please abide by this policy and leave the cell phone off until the session is over.

In addition, some people have thought it would be helpful to record their sessions with a cell phone or other recording devices. This practice is absolutely not permitted under any circumstances. Please do not ask for permission to record or record without the knowledge of your therapist.

NOTE: It is against State and Federal law to record private conversations without the consent of all parties. Recording of sessions using a cell phone or any other recording device will not be tolerated at all for any reason.

Read:

Florida makes it a crime to intercept or record a "wire, oral, or electronic communication" in Florida, **unless all parties to the communication consent**. See Fla. Stat. ch. 934.03.

In addition to subjecting you to criminal prosecution, violating the Florida wiretapping law can expose you to a civil lawsuit for damages by an injured party.

I understand this policy and will abide by turning my cell phone off during the sessions and I will not bring recording devices to the sessions as well.

Client Signature

Date