

STATEMENT OF A.A. GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE REGARDING PROBLEMS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL

We welcome those attending this meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous, and we would like to read a brief statement of group policy.

Our group conscience states that we introduce ourselves as Alcoholics.

As you know, many people are coming into A.A. today with dual addiction to alcohol and other drugs. These newcomers are truly welcome here as members of our fellowship, provided their primary addiction is to alcohol - something they alone can honestly determine.

We ask only that when discussing their problems, they confine themselves to those related to their alcoholism.

We also welcome those whose primary addiction is to drugs other than alcohol. We are sympathetic to your problem, but ask you not to participate in our discussion lest our A.A. meeting be diverted from its primary purpose. In this context, it is well to remember the words of Bill W., one of A.A.'s co-founders: "Sobriety...Freedom from alcohol...is the sole purpose of any Alcoholics Anonymous group." We are committed to the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The above statement specifically relates to Tradition Three, "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking" ...and to Tradition Five, "Each group has but one primary purpose...to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.