

## Al-Anon's Invitation to You

We invite you to try our program. At Al-Anon meetings, you will meet other people facing the same problems you are.

In Al-Anon, we begin to recover from the effects of being close to an alcoholic. We do this by sharing our experiences with others. As we begin to understand the family disease of alcoholism, we are better able to handle our problems and improve our lives.

You can gain support and understanding by listening and speaking with others at Al-Anon meetings. In Al-Anon, you are no longer alone. We urge you to contact the nearest Al-Anon Family Group.

### **Anonymous and Confidential**

Your identity and what you say at meetings will be carefully guarded.

*Whom you see here,  
What you hear here,  
When you leave here,  
Let it stay here*

### **No Dues or Fees**

Our meetings are free. We meet our group expenses by passing the basket. All contributions are voluntary.

Al-Anon/Alateen is supported by members' voluntary contributions and from the sale of our Conference Approved Literature.

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# Living in a Shelter

When  
someone's  
drinking is part  
of the problem...

Al-Anon can help.

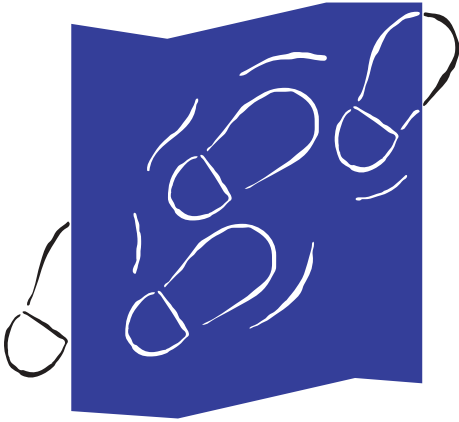
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AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS



*hope for families & friends of alcoholics*

# Do you feel like you don't know where to turn?



*“As my husband’s drinking increased, he became more abusive. I escaped with the children in a total panic.”*

*“I had been battered several times. Each time I thought it would be the last.”*

*“I never expected to be abused. When it happened, I was shocked, ashamed, and filled with fear. I had nowhere to turn but the shelter.”*

*“I thought the violence and the drinking were my fault.”*

*“The alcoholic told me he couldn’t guarantee that he wouldn’t hit me again. I had to protect myself and the children.”*

## It's Time For Help.



Alcoholism is a family disease. It affects everyone who is close to the alcoholic. Most of us believe that the alcoholic is the one who needs to change. It comes as a shock to hear that we also need to change and it's time to look at ourselves. By going to an Al-Anon meeting, you will find help and understanding. You will no longer be alone.

## There is a Better Way.



Are you "sick and tired of being sick and tired?" On your own, you've tried everything you could think of and nothing seems to work? Don't be too hard on yourself and don't give up. There is hope. You are at a turning point. If you would like your life to be different, Al-Anon offers you a better way. At Al-Anon meetings, you will meet people who understand your frustration.

*Why Be Alone?*

## We Urge you to Try Al-Anon.

Like you, everyone in Al-Anon knows what it is like to live with the uncertainty of alcoholism. At this critical time in your life, you can begin to move forward by finding out where Al-Anon meetings are located in your community. Before you leave this facility, ask your counselor or a staff member to help you contact a local Al-Anon group.

### LOCAL AL-ANON MEETING SCHEDULE:

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or call:

**Al-Anon Family Groups, Inc.**  
**Hope for families and friends**  
**of alcoholics**  
**888-4AL-ANON (888-425-2666)**  
**USA AND CANADA**  
**8 am to 6 pm ET, Monday - Friday**