

Kim Kares Counseling

MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Patient records are protected by law under federal law. At Kim Kares Counseling we keep our patient records in a locked record storage area. Your records will not be shared without your permission.

However, **therapists are required by law to report to authorities certain activities** that their patients report to them. Those activities include:

1. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that **the patient plans to hurt himself or herself.**
2. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that **the patient plans to hurt someone else.**
3. Any statements, suggestions or innuendoes that **the patient is being harmed.**
4. Suspected **child abuse or neglect.**
5. Suspected **abuse of the elderly** or other incapacitated adults.
6. The **threat of suicide or homicide.**

**You should be aware any statements you make
regarding any of the above situations
will need to be reported to authorities.**

**These reports could lead to
an investigation of your situation by authorities
and appropriate actions may be taken.**

In addition to these harmful situations, Kim Kares Counseling may also be **required to release your information** if:

1. It is needed by medical personnel in a **medical emergency.**
2. **Crimes** are committed on the Kim Kares Counseling office premises or against Kim Kares Counseling.

I have read and understand the above information.

Patient's Name: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____