

What is the 12th-Step List?

When suffering alcoholics call the AA hotline asking for help, the Intergroup Office reaches out to A.A. members on our 12th Step List who are willing to share their experience, strength and hope with newcomers in their zip code or immediate area. Having a phone contact helps newcomers know they are not alone.

What is 'Bridging the Gap'?

When alcoholics are released from treatment facilities or institutions, they need a Temporary Contact as a link between treatment and recovery. A Temporary Contact will help newcomers make the transition into A.A. where they are introduced to the A.A. program, can meet other A.A. members in their area, and can form a network to help them stay sober.

QUESTION:	12 TH STEP LIST	BRIDGING THE GAP
What is my responsibility?	Call the newcomer right away. Share your experience, strength & hope. Convey that help is available in A.A. meetings. Anything else is up to your discretion.	Call the newcomer right away. Share your experience, strength & hope. Act as a temporary contact for a week or more. Meet them at a meeting. Introduce them to other A.A.s.
Does A.A. give out my phone number to newcomers?	NEVER. It's up to you to call the newcomer.	NEVER. Unless you give us permission. It's up to you to call the newcomer.
Should I make arrangements to meet the newcomer at a meeting?	It is suggested, but is up to your discretion.	Yes! Get them connected to several meetings and other A.A. members in their first week. Introduce them to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.
Should I give rides?	A.A. does not promise rides. This is up to your discretion. If you pick up a newcomer, NEVER go alone.	A.A. does not promise rides. This is up to your discretion. If you pick up a newcomer, NEVER go alone.
Should I take the newcomer to the hospital or detox if they need it?	It is not A.A.'s responsibility to take active alcoholics to the hospital or detox, although you may choose to do so. We carry the message, not the drunk. NEVER go alone. If someone is in very bad condition, you or that person can call 911 for help. Hospitals must admit persons going into DTs.	It is not A.A.'s responsibility to take active alcoholics to the hospital or detox, although you may choose to do so. We carry the message, not the drunk. NEVER go alone. If someone is in very bad condition, you or that person can call 911 for help. Hospitals must admit persons going into DTs.
What if they don't stay sober?	If you stayed sober, then it worked! Turn your attention to helping the next suffering alcoholic.	If you stayed sober, then it worked! Turn your attention to helping the next suffering alcoholic.

REMEMBER: THERE IS NO BAD 12TH-STEP WORK!

"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail." Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 89