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Confidentiality and Mandated Reporting Limits Notice

What stays private in GGN spaces and when information may have to be shared.

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Issued by	[GGN LEGAL ENTITY NAME], doing business as The Global Grief Network
Applies to	GGN programs, groups, educator-led sessions, the Somatic program, and contacts with GGN
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Governing law	[GOVERNING STATE: Colorado, placeholder because GGN is based in Fort Collins, Colorado; attorney to confirm]
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1. Our approach

GGN educators, practitioners, and staff keep what you share private and ask group members to do the same. Confidentiality in groups depends on every member, so GGN cannot guarantee what other participants do.

2. When information may be shared

- **Serious and imminent risk.** If someone is at serious and imminent risk of harming themselves or someone else, a GGN educator, practitioner, or staff member may contact emergency services (911), a crisis service such as 988, or an emergency contact.
- **Abuse or neglect.** Where the law requires, suspected abuse or neglect of a child, an elder, or an at-risk adult may be reported to authorities. Some GGN educators and practitioners hold other roles, such as teacher, nurse, or clergy, that carry their own reporting duties. [Attorney: confirm which mandated reporting duties apply in Colorado and in each location where GGN operates.]
- **Legal process.** A court order, subpoena, or other legal requirement.
- **Supervision and review.** Somatic trainees discuss sessions with supervisors without identifying details. GGN may review information if a concern is raised.

3. GGN is not a crisis service

GGN educators and practitioners do not monitor messages around the clock and are not emergency responders.

Need help now? In the United States, call or text **988** (988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline), any time. In an emergency, call **911**. Outside the United States, contact your local emergency number or crisis line, or visit findahelpline.com.

4. Your choices

You decide what to share. You can talk with a facilitator privately about any concern. See the GGN Privacy Policy for how records are handled.

PARTICIPANT

Signature _____

Printed name _____

Date _____

Electronic signatures and copies have the same effect as originals. In the fillable PDF, typing your full name in the Signature box is your electronic signature. [Attorney: confirm e-signature process.]

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