

CONFIDENTIALITY GUIDELINES

As a Teen Court participant, you will have access to confidential records and information. The privacy of these records and information is protected by law (section 13303 of the California State Penal Code). Sharing of this information (including “accidental” sharing) with any unauthorized person is a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine, imprisonment, or both. It is very important that Teen Court participants keep all information confidential, including, but not limited to:

- Offender, victim and witness names
- Addresses or phone numbers of offender, victim and witness
- Details of the offense (when, where, how)
- Birth dates of offender, victim and witness
- Physical description of offender, victim or witness
- Any information that could be used by others to identify the person that had their trial at Teen Court, AND
- Specific information contained in police reports or disclosed during the course of Teen Court participation.

This means not discussing the case with anyone even if you don’t use names. Sometimes people who are not part of TC will know things about the case; even if this is so, you are not allowed to talk to these people about the case. For more information about the Protective Order governing confidentiality at Teen Court, please ask for a copy from Teen Court staff.

OATH OF CONFIDENTIALITY

I solemnly swear or pledge that I will not divulge, either by words or signs, any information which comes to my knowledge in the course of any Teen Court case, and that I will keep secret all said proceedings which may be held in my presence. I may receive a copy of the Humboldt County Superior Court Teen Court Protective Order from Humboldt County Teen Court upon request.

Signature

Date

Print Name