



Confidentiality

*A social story to help explain the
attorney-client relationship*

How to Use a Social Story

Social stories are visual ways to help explain complex processes and ideas to children and to people who benefit from concrete, visual explanations. The social stories can be modified to fit any situation.

Tips for using the social story:

Introduce the story early to help prepare the person for what is going to happen.

If possible, modify the story to fit the needs of the individual. Including specific people or places may be helpful.

Read the social story to the person several times, on several occasions before the event in order to allow the person time to become familiar and process the information.

This social story is for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing legal advice.

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Sometimes we need lawyers to help us deal with issues in our lives.



For example, lawyers can help write important documents or represent someone in a courtroom.

When I hire a lawyer, a special relationship is created between me and my lawyer.



I become the client and my lawyer is my representative.

Because of this special relationship, most of the things I say when I am alone with my lawyer become a secret. These conversations are called “confidential information.”



This means that my lawyer cannot tell anyone else about the things I talk about, unless I say it is ok to share.



Even when that person is no longer my lawyer, he or she still has to keep my secrets.

It is important for a lawyer to keep his or her client's secrets so the client feels comfortable telling the lawyer everything. This is true even if the client would not want anyone else to know the information.

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The more my lawyer knows, the more he
or she will be able to help me.



Because my lawyer represents me, my
lawyer will use the information I give to
help me but he will not share my secrets
with other people.

I should not talk to other people about what I tell my lawyer, even my parents or friends.



If I tell other people what I talked about
with my lawyer, the information is no
longer a secret.





If I have questions about whether something is confidential information or how it can be used, I should ask my lawyer.



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