



## VA San Diego Healthcare System

### Statement of Commitment and Understanding

As a volunteer of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), I am committed to safeguarding the personal information that Veterans and their families have entrusted to the Department. I am also committed to safeguarding the personal information which VA employees and applicants have provided.

I will contact the Chief, the Voluntary Services department, local Privacy Officer, or Information Security Officer when I am unsure of the appropriate protocol to gather, create, maintain, use, disclose, or dispose of information about Veterans and their families, VA employees and applicants.

-Ensure documents containing private health information (PHI), or individually identifiable information (III) are put in the recycle bins and not trash receptacles.

-Check fax and copying machines to ensure that documents containing PHI or III are not left there.

-Do not discuss patient issues with friends, co-workers, or others who do not have a need to know.

-Log off the computer before walking away.

-Wear name badge at all times while volunteering.

-Know the Privacy Officer – Allan Castellanos @ 858-642-3941.

-Know the Information Security Officer – Carol Johnson @ 858-642-1559.

-Alert your supervisor of apparent privacy and/or security violations.

-Feel free to contact the privacy and/or security officer.

I understand that if I fail to comply with applicable confidentiality statutes and regulations, **I may be subject to civil and criminal penalties, including fines and removal, for violation of applicable confidentiality and security statutes, regulations and policies.**

I certify that I have read the information above and am committed to safeguarding personal information about Veterans and their families, VA employees, and applicants.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date