

THE RECOVERY DESK

PREMIUM EDITION

# Healthy Boundaries & Communication in Recovery

Requests, limits and difficult conversations

## Expanded guided resource

29 pages • original tools plus premium guided practice

Worked examples • reusable plans • scripts • evidence transparency

PRINTABLE • CHOICE-BASED • PRACTICAL



**START HERE**

# How to use this premium edition

The original Healthy Boundaries & Communication in Recovery resource is preserved and followed by 12 new guided-practice pages tailored to requests, limits and difficult conversations.

## **Choose, do not complete**

Start with the page that matches the present moment. Skip, pause or return later.

## **Use it with support**

Bring a page to a counsellor, peer worker, healthcare professional, supervisor or trusted person when appropriate.

## **Test personal fit**

Notice what changed. Keep, adapt, combine or replace an exercise rather than treating it as a rule.

## **Know the limit**

This resource offers education and reflection. It cannot diagnose, provide emergency care or replace individualized treatment.

## **Safety comes before completing a page**

For immediate danger, overdose, severe withdrawal or a medical emergency, call 911. In Canada, call or text 988 for suicide crisis support.

# Before you begin

## PURPOSE

This original educational resource combines plain-language information with fictional examples and guided reflection. It is not an evaluated or clinically validated intervention, and it does not guarantee an outcome.

## YOUR CHOICE

You can skip questions, use a hypothetical example, write privately, and ask for support. Personal safety, culture, language, disability access, and practical realities matter more than completing every page.

## SAFETY AND SCOPE

If there is immediate danger or a suspected overdose, call 911 in Canada or your local emergency number. For suicide crisis support in Canada, call or text 988. For medical, withdrawal, medication, legal, or individual treatment questions, consult a qualified professional.

## KEEP IT PRACTICAL

Choose small, specific actions. If a tool is ineffective, consider another strategy, a safer location, another person, or professional support.

# 01 Identify A Personal Limit

## UNDERSTAND

A boundary describes what you will do to protect needs or values; it is not an instruction that another person must obey.

## EXAMPLE - FICTIONAL SITUATION

Jo decides not to attend gatherings where they feel pressured to use substances.

## TRY IT IN YOUR SITUATION

Write only what feels safe and relevant. You may use a fictional example, skip a prompt, or discuss it with a trusted support person.

**What have I noticed about identify a personal limit in my own life?**

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**Which part is within my control, and which part needs outside support?**

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**What is one small, realistic option I could try?**

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**A SMALL ACTION YOU CAN CHOOSE**

Choose one achievable action for the next 24 hours and a way to review what happened.

**My exact next step, when I will try it, and the support I can request**

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