

GSA Phone Bridge Statement on Safety

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Safety on the GSA Phone Bridge Meetings: Our Common Welfare

Tradition One Long Form: Each member of GreySheeters Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. GSA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

The GSA Phone Bridge is committed to maintaining our meeting space (the conference call line) as a place of safety for all our meetings and members. Our goal is to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourage all to foster a secure and welcoming environment for our meetings to take place. As our traditions remind us, the formation and operation of a GSA Phone Bridge group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior that might compromise another person's safety. Also, we encourage members to take any precautions anyone feels necessary to maintain their own personal safety.

We have adopted a preferred way of handling disruptions that occur every so often on our Bridge. Here is our step by step approach to address repeated and serious disturbances as quickly, but as respectfully as possible.

1. During a meeting where a repeated disruption occurs, the leader is empowered to ask the person to stop.
2. Similarly, during a meeting where a repeated distraction occurs, the leader can ask the moderator to mute the line.
3. Should these two steps not be sufficient, the leader or concerned member(s) can contact the GSA Phone Bridge Intergroup Trustees at: phonebridgetrustees@greysheetmeetings.org, and request help dealing with the disruption.
4. Each request for help will be reviewed by the trustees and should the disruption warrant further action, the GSA Phone Bridge trustees would contact the person privately to ask that the disruptions stop, and refer them to the safety policy If they have any further questions or concerns.
5. If the behavior continues after a warning, the trustees will contact the Phone Bridge company and ask them to block the person from participating on the Bridge for 30 days.
6. Until the person clearly informs the trustees (phonebridgetrustees@greysheetmeetings.org) that he/she will attend meetings without creating disruptions, the block would stay in place.