



Garden City  
Marriage & Family Therapy

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## **Duty to Warn**

Although confidentiality and privileged communication remain rights of all clients of psychotherapists according to state law, some courts have held that if an individual intends to take harmful or dangerous action against another human being, or against himself or herself, it is the psychotherapist's duty to warn the person or the family of the person who is likely to suffer the results himself or herself.

State Laws require that all mental health professionals report incidents of any type of child abuse or neglect to appropriate agencies.

The psychotherapist will under no circumstances inform such individuals without first sharing that intention with the client. Every effort will be made to resolve the issue before such a breach of confidentiality takes place.

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Therapist's signature

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Client's Signature