

Phone Script

Marijuana Anonymous World Men's Meeting

MAWMM

Here are some instructions to read before you chair

- Chairpersons please arrive 5 minutes before your meeting starts and be prepared to moderate the post meeting space for 15 minutes.
- Chairpersons please become familiar with and use “Q&A mode”
- Remember to unmute yourself when it is your turn to speak as the chair.
- Also remember to mute yourself during others sharing
- MAWMM meetings use Q&A mode from after the opening recitation of The Serenity Prayer to the closing with the prayer at the end. Q&A can also be used for the phone number exchange and the actual Q&A.
- Material highlighted in green are instructions, not to be read aloud

● The keystrokes to manage the call:

Q&A mode	*11	Enter Q&A
	*12	Advance queue
	*13	End Q&A
	*14	Mute queue
Muting	*51	May Unmute Yourself
	*52	Mute All
	*53	Unmuted

● Suggested Mtg Outline

- Start with Serenity Prayer
- Put meeting into Q&A mode
- Ask for volunteers to read one or two of the Twelves to get into the Q
- Read the intro items (Greeting, Preamble, ...)
- Ask volunteers to do the reading of the Twelves
- Ask newcomers to join the Q if they would like to introduce themselves
- Ask for a topic by inviting participants into the Q
- Ask for participants to join the Q for sharing
- After sharing, in Q&A mode allow for claiming of seats
- Hop out of Q&A for closing Serenity Prayer
- Back in Q&A for phone number exchange, questions, timed shares

[Optional: You can do a call and response version of this or all together. You can also designate whether it uses the I or we pronoun]

God . . .

Grant me the serenity . . .

To accept the things I cannot change . . .

The courage to change the things I can, . . .

And the wisdom to know the difference.

Time for Q&A

I am now putting our call in Q&A mode. To actively participate, press star 6-1. You can remove yourself from the queue by pressing star 6-1 again.

[Chairperson: Put meeting into Q&A mode for the entire meeting until the closing Serenity Prayer by pressing *11. Please be sure to mute when someone else is speaking and unmute when you talk.]

Responsibility Statement

I am Responsible.

Whenever anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, . . . I want the hand of Marijuana Anonymous to be there.

And for that: I am responsible.

[NOTE to chair: INVITE (now) volunteers to get in the Q and prepare the material to READ one of the “Twelves” while you read the Preamble.]

- [12 Questions](#)
- [12 Steps](#)
- [12 Traditions](#)
- 12 Promises
- 12 Principles
- [12 Concepts for Service](#)
- “Our Awakening” found at the end of Step 12

When the system tells you “It is now time to ask your question,” that means it’s time for you to speak. Make sure to unmute your phone before speaking. Please Identify yourself and what you will be reading. Thank you for your service

Preamble

Marijuana Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share our experience, strength and hope with each other that we may solve our common problem and help others to recover from marijuana addiction.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using marijuana. There are no dues or fees for membership. We are self-supporting through our own contributions. MA is not affiliated with any religious or secular institution or organization and has no opinion on any outside controversies or causes. Our primary purpose is to stay free of marijuana

and to help the marijuana addict who still suffers achieve the same freedom. We can do this by practicing our suggested Twelve Steps of recovery and by being guided as a group by our Twelve Traditions.

MARIJUANA ANONYMOUS uses the basic 12 Steps of Recovery founded by Alcoholics Anonymous, because it has been proven that the 12 Step Recovery program works! We encourage you to speak to others and ask questions after the meeting.

(Optional) :

Who is a marijuana addict?

We who are marijuana addicts know the answer to this question. Marijuana controls our lives! We lose interest in all else; our dreams go up in smoke. Ours is a progressive illness often leading us to addictions to other drugs, including alcohol. Our lives, our thinking, and our desires center around marijuana – scoring it, dealing it, and finding ways to stay [stoned]. As stated in our third tradition, the only requirement for membership in Marijuana Anonymous is a desire to stop using marijuana. This is to adhere to the “singleness of purpose” concept, but many of us have found that the only way that we can keep our sobriety is to abstain from all mind and mood altering chemicals, including alcohol.

(Optional) :

The next few paragraphs are from the Forward to our basic text *Life With Hope: A Return to Living through the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of MARIJUANA ANONYMOUS* . . .

(page ix) How can we tell you how to recover? We cannot. All we can do is share with you our own experiences and recovery through the Twelve Steps of Marijuana Anonymous.

The Twelve Traditions are the guidelines for the fellowship of Marijuana Anonymous and the basic ideas, which unify our groups. Keeping in mind that our program is a living growing thing . . .

[required]

I will now check the queue for volunteers to do one of the 12 readings. [Chair: Press *12 to check for volunteers.]

“The 12 Questions of Marijuana Anonymous.”

“The 12 Steps of Marijuana Anonymous” also known as “How It Works”

“The 12 Traditions of Marijuana Anonymous.”

“The 12 Promises of Marijuana Anonymous”

“The 12 Principles of Marijuana Anonymous”

“The Twelve Concepts for Service in Marijuana Anonymous”

“Our Awakening” found at the end of Step 12

[Thank the reader by name]

Welcome Newcomers

Before we begin, we want to welcome any newcomers to the meeting and acknowledge your being here. Newcomers include anyone new to the program, anyone coming back or anyone new to the phone lines – we'd like to welcome you. You will have a chance to identify yourself at the end of the meeting if you choose too.

Let's allow newcomers some time to get into the queue. [pause for 5-10 seconds]

Hello, are you a newcomer? Welcome, [greet that person by name] You are in the right place. Keep Coming Back.

It's good to have a pen and paper ready to write down phone numbers when shared at the end of the meeting to make outreach calls. Whether you choose to share today or stay to listen, we are glad you're here and hope you keep coming back. I will be staying on the line after the meeting to respond to questions and further welcome newcomers.

Meeting Norms

- You can actively participate in the meeting by joining the queue with “*6,1” You can remove yourself if you need by using “*6, 1” again.

- Note that you can use *2 to hear a current count of participants.
- This is a closed meeting of Marijuana Anonymous, which means it is just for Men. We ask that you stay focused on the topic of recovery from Marijuana addiction and share your own experience, strength and hope by using “I” statements.
- When you share, please tell us your first name only and where you're from. You can share your day count too if you'd like.
- Please keep your sharing to a timely fashion. I'll give a notice when you have about one minute to complete your comments. I don't mean to startle you, just wind down your comments during the next minute or so. Let me know you heard my signal.

[Meeting Chairperson: it is up to you whether you want to bring a topic or open the floor to general shares among the men. It is important that you do your best to keep men on the topic of recovery. Give a wide latitude but if a man is really getting off the rails, gently let him know that the meeting is about his recovery from marijuana addiction]

It is now time for sharing.

To participate in the meeting, press *6,1. Note that the system will say, “You can now ask your question,” which for us means it's your turn to share.

Please make sure you are not muted when you share.

[Chair: *11 enter Q&A ; *12 next caller ; *13 exit Q&A mode.

Chair: After person shares, *12, “Next person please share...”

Repeat the meeting’s focus/topic if needed.] [Chair:

Throughout the meeting, continue to remind callers of the topics in discussion meetings. “As a reminder, this is the topic(s) today...”]

Closing (at about 50 minutes into the mtg)

That’s all the time we have for sharing during the meeting. In closing, please remember that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our program ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. What you hear here, stays here. Speaking of staying here . . .

Please stay on the line after we close to exchange phone numbers, answer questions, and the meeting after the meeting fellowship.

7th Tradition

Our 7th Tradition states that MA has no dues or fees. We are self-supporting through our own contributions. For information on how to contribute please search for “tradition seven” or go directly to the web page ma-phone.org/tradition-seven

Please give what you can, and even if you can give nothing for now **Keep Coming Back!**

Claim Your Seat and Newcomer Welcome

We want to take another moment to welcome any newcomers to the meeting and acknowledge your being here. Newcomers include anyone new to the program, anyone coming back or anyone new to the phone lines – we’d like to welcome you.

[pause for 5-10 seconds]

Hello, are you a newcomer? Welcome, [greet that person by name] You are in the right place. Keep Coming Back.

It’s now time to get in the queue by pressing star 6-1 if you have not yet shared or would like to identify yourself as a newcomer. This means announcing your first name and if you’d like your relative location. This helps us all know that we are not alone in this Recovery Process. Please join the queue now to identify yourself

[Chair: press *12 to check the queue for seat-claimers.]

[ask “who are you and where they are from?”]

MA-related announcements read by Chair

If there are any MA-related announcements from the fellows, please press *6, 1 to join the queue, and I will check for those in a moment.

Please look on the ma-phone.org website for announcements under the Readings and Resources menu tab. Review the many opportunities to participate in recovery at the group and world levels. A brief overview of announcement titles includes information about the variety of resources and meetings, service opportunities, support for family and friends, and other topics. If you don't have access to the Internet, just ask me to read the announcements during the question and answer time after a meeting. The ma-phone.org website also has speaker tapes available on the Speaker Tapes page.

Our MAWMM meeting is also available via the FreeConferenceCall app. This app also has speaker tapes available.

Additionally, we want to tell you about the Marijuana Anonymous app. It is a useful resource for recovery literature and includes a day-counter.

If any men have an upcoming anniversary of a year-or-more and would like to speak or invite a speaker, we would love to celebrate with you. Let us know.

I will now check if there are any additional MA-related announcements from the fellows? Please press *6, 1 to join the queue if you have an announcement.

[Check the queue with *12.]

Thank you to everyone who provided service, those who shared, and those listening. [Optional: read names] Welcome again to the newcomer(s). We're glad you're here. Keep coming back! If anyone has any questions that went unanswered, or if you would like to share more, please introduce yourself after the meeting.

Phone Number Service Information

We have found telephone contact with other MA men between meetings to be supportive to maintain sobriety. If you're available to be a sponsor, have worked the steps and have experience, strength and hope to share, then identify yourself as available for being a sponsor when you share your number.

Everyone can take down phone numbers from those who share and call the people you feel comfortable with. Be of service and give out your number. When you do share your number, please be mindful that you are sharing in a public space. Please know that no one is required to give out their phone number.

If an early outreach call turns into a request makes you feel uncomfortable. Inappropriate incidents are infrequent, but they have happened. As it states in our book, Life With Hope . . . somewhere, “We are responsible for our own recovery”, calling our fellows helps keep us sober.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

If so inclined, please join us briefly for prayer and reflection.

I will now take us out of Q&A mode, and put us into mute all mode.

[Chair: Press *13 to end Q&A, then press *5 to mute all.]

Those who want to participate in the prayer will need to unmute your phone by pressing *6.

It starts with God, and that’s your own understanding of that.

God . . .

Grant me the serenity . . .

To accept the things I cannot change . . .

The courage to change the things I can, . . .

And the wisdom to know the difference.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

I'll stay on the line to facilitate phone number exchange and answer newcomer questions or concerns. After that we can have fellowship.

The meeting is concluded.

[Allow a minute for everyone to thank you for the meeting]

Would anyone like to share their phone number in this public space? Remember that no one is required to share their phone number.

Do any newcomers have any questions at this time?

It is now time for fellowship.