

Dear Ms. Myers,

Greetings from the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous! I received your email because I'm responsible for responding to inquiries regarding the use of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) intellectual property – its copyrighted material and registered trademarks.

Thank you for your request to “amend” A.A.’s Twelve Steps for use in your Yoga of 12-Step Recovery (Y12SR) program, and thank you for the attached graphic that includes the “circle and triangle” logo.

As you may know, the “circle and triangle” logo was used as a registered trademark of A.A.W.S. And in fact, it is still used by many A.A. local entities. Therefore, to avoid any confusion between the A.A. program and Y12SR, we would suggest that Y12SR create a logo that encompasses the theme of yoga and recovery from addictive behaviors.

With regards to Y12SR’s amended Twelve Steps, A.A.W.S. has no objection to Y12SR amending A.A.’s Twelve Steps, but we must ask that you always include the following disclaimer underneath your amended Twelve Steps:

The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous have been adapted with the permission of A.A. World Services, Inc. (“A.A.W.S.”). Permission to adapt the Twelve Steps does not mean that A.A. is affiliated with this program. A.A. is a program of recovery from alcoholism only - use of A.A.’s Steps or an adapted version in connection with programs and activities which are patterned after A.A., but which address other problems, or use in any other non-A.A. context, does not imply otherwise.

If, at some point you elect to translate the Steps into a particular language, we would ask that you notify us of your intent, in writing, and that you use the existing A.A. translation of the Steps in that language as a guide in creating your own translation.

If you are in agreement with the above, please respond at your earliest convenience by replying to this email. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

**Yours in service,**

**Darlene**

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logo to  
the circle  
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