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Competence

Application to professional practice

- 1) May not practice outside area of expertise
- 2) May provide services in emergencies if no other service available
- 3) Must maintain level of competence
- 4) Must be careful about to whom work is delegated to make certain they are competent
- 5) Must make certain that personal problems or conflicts do not interfere with ability to work.

Confidentiality

Legalities surrounding confidentiality:

- 1) Each state has its own laws regarding confidentiality
- 2) Generally confidentiality has to do with the client's right to have information regarding him and therapy kept private unless he permits disclosure
- 3) Generally rights of confidentiality belong to anyone 18 years of age or over.
- 4) In some states children between 12-18 can also have records kept private
- 5) Parents maintain the right to confidentiality for all children under 12



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Boundary Issues

Types of dual relationships

Psychologist and client

- a) As friends
- b) As business partners
- c) As lovers
- d) As business associates

Responsibility of clinician

- 1) Must consider the welfare of the client
- 2) Must recognize that because of the power differential the client may not be able to make decisions for own welfare in light of the requests of the psychologist

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