

SAFE AI IN ABA

AI can bring efficiency & structure to ABA providers, but without guardrails, it risks HIPAA violations, ethical breaches, & faulty documentation. Use the SAFE method to stay compliant & client-centered.

S.A.F.E. = SCREEN · APPROVE · FACT-CHECK · EDUPLICATE



SCREEN FOR PHI

- Don't enter client names, diagnoses, or session notes into non-HIPAA compliant AI platforms.
- Treat prompts like emails: If it contains PHI, don't share it.



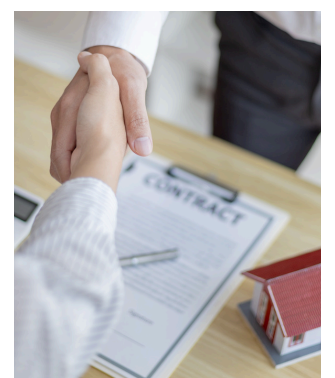
Tip: Create "safe prompt templates" for staff that avoid client identifiers.

APPROVE WITH OVERSIGHT

- AI can assist, but only a BCBA or supervisor approves treatment goals, plans, or parent communication.
- AI does not replace clinical judgment.



Tip: Require supervisor sign-off on any AI-drafted clinical documents.



FACT-CHECK OUTPUTS

- AI "hallucinates", it can generate false or misleading information.
- Every AI-assisted note or report must be reviewed and corrected by staff.



Tip: Add a checklist step: "Reviewed for accuracy + compliance" before submitting.

EDUCATE STAFF

- Staff should know what AI can and cannot be used for.
- Provide ongoing training on HIPAA, BACB ethics, and safe AI practices.



Tip: Build a simple AI policy and hold an annual refresher training.



Following SAFE keeps your ABA practice compliant, ethical, and efficient.

WANT HELP BUILDING YOUR ABA-SPECIFIC AI POLICY?

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