

Client Confidentiality Release Form

Due to current confidentiality regulations all doulas should have a signed release form from their client **before** taking any notes about them or their labor. The best way to be fully compliant would be to get this release signature at the first prenatal visit, or upon first meeting and joining the client for her labor and delivery. Certification candidates should have this form signed before taking any notes. Clients should receive a copy of the form they signed, and the doula should have her copy with her at the labor and birth to be able to show that she is indeed complying with the confidentiality regulations if questioned. **Confidentiality of medical and personal information obtained during the course of the doula's work is of the utmost importance.** Failure to comply with these confidentiality regulations could result in penalties.

I _____ give permission,
for my doula, _____ to take
notes about me, including personal information I choose to disclose to her,
and information regarding the labor and birth of my child. I understand that
this information may be used for the purpose of doula certification or
recertification and will be shared with the Certification Committee of
DONA. I realize that this information will be shared with the doula that is
providing back up support. I also understand that this information will
anonymously be used for the DONA Data Collection for statistical
purposes, and that my doula may use this information to provide me with a
summary for my own personal use.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Email _____