

# Sponsorship Resources



*“Always to extend the hand and heart of OA  
to all who share my compulsion; for this I am responsible.”*

*-OA's Responsibility Pledge*

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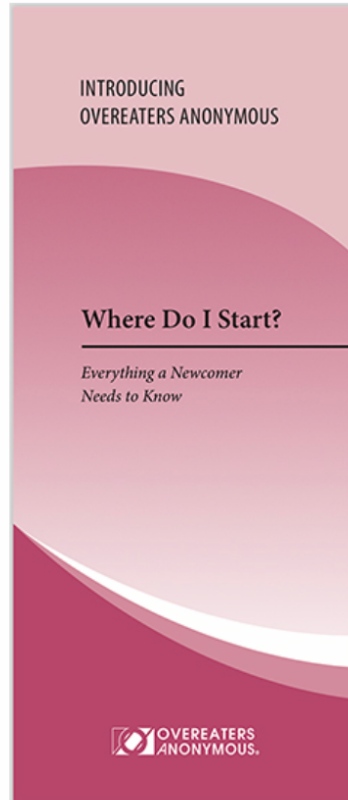
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## 1. Where Do I Start? FREE DOWNLOAD

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2022/06/where-do-i-start-everything-a-newcomer-needs-to-know.pdf>

### Where Do I Start? (PAMPHLET)

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## 2. Temporary Sponsors: Newcomer's First 12 Days

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2020/05/Temporary-Sponsors-1.pdf>



### Temporary Sponsors: Newcomers' First Twelve Days

What is the purpose of the *First Twelve Days* in OA?

- To help newcomers, returning OA members, and other members learn about the OA Twelve Step recovery program by using this personal, short-term introduction to Overeaters Anonymous.
- To help sponsees learn how the OA recovery program might help them to stop hurting themselves with food.
- To help members who may be ready to sponsor but are reluctant to do so. This is an opportunity for a member to help a newcomer in a very structured way and to experience what it might be like to be a regular sponsor.

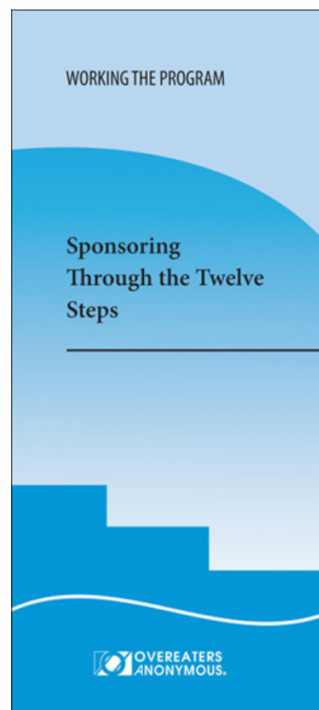
### 3. A Guide for Sponsors (includes 30 questions for Steps 1-3)

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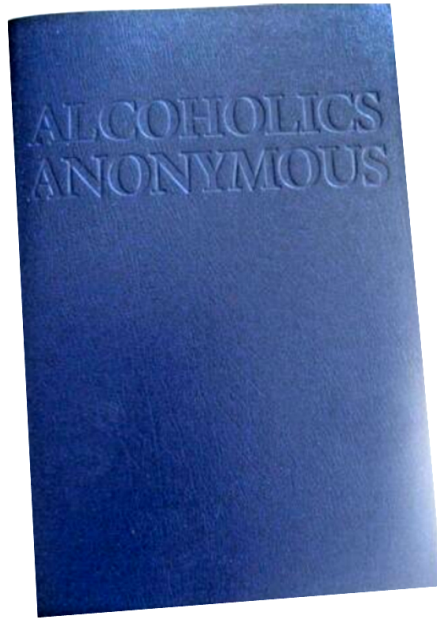
### 4. Sponsoring Through the Steps (includes questions for all the Steps)

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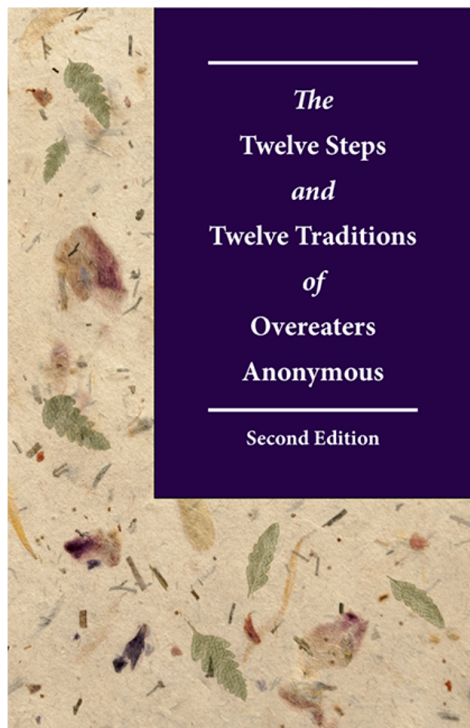
## 5. AA Big Book

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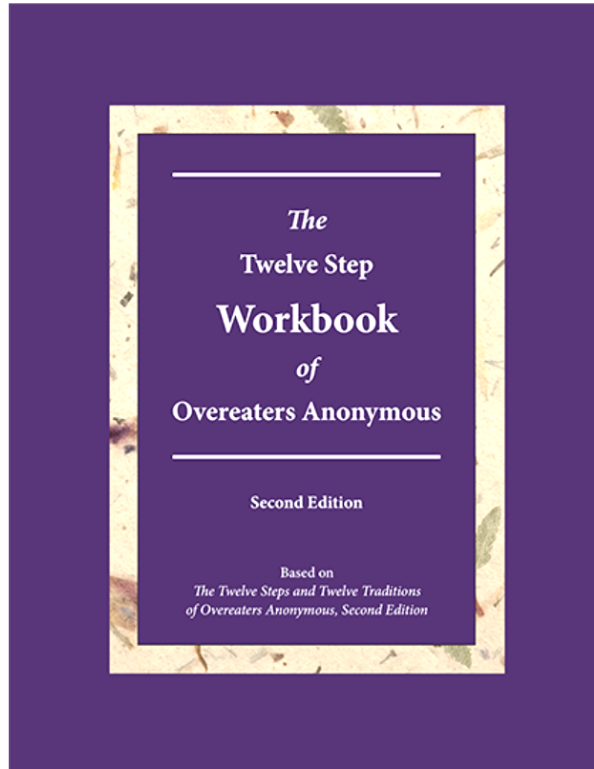


## 6. OA 12&12

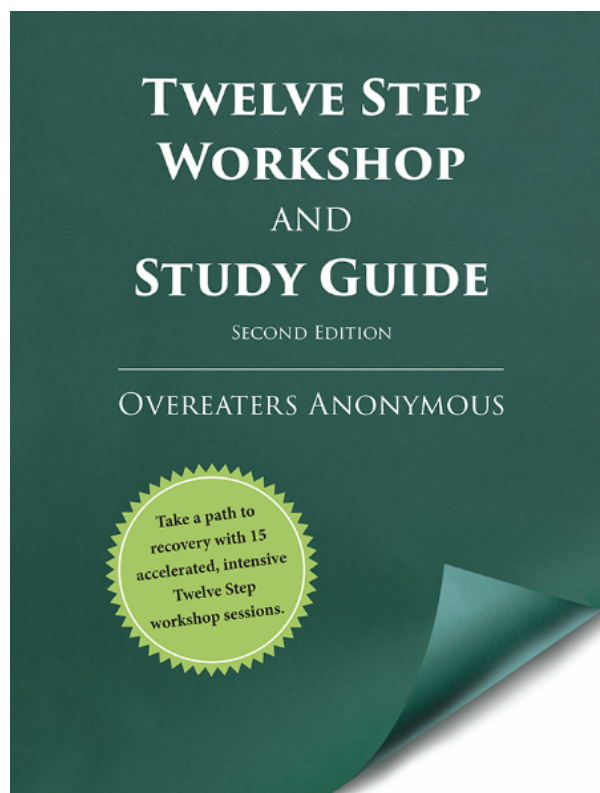
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7. OA 12&12 Workbook (questions for all the Steps)  
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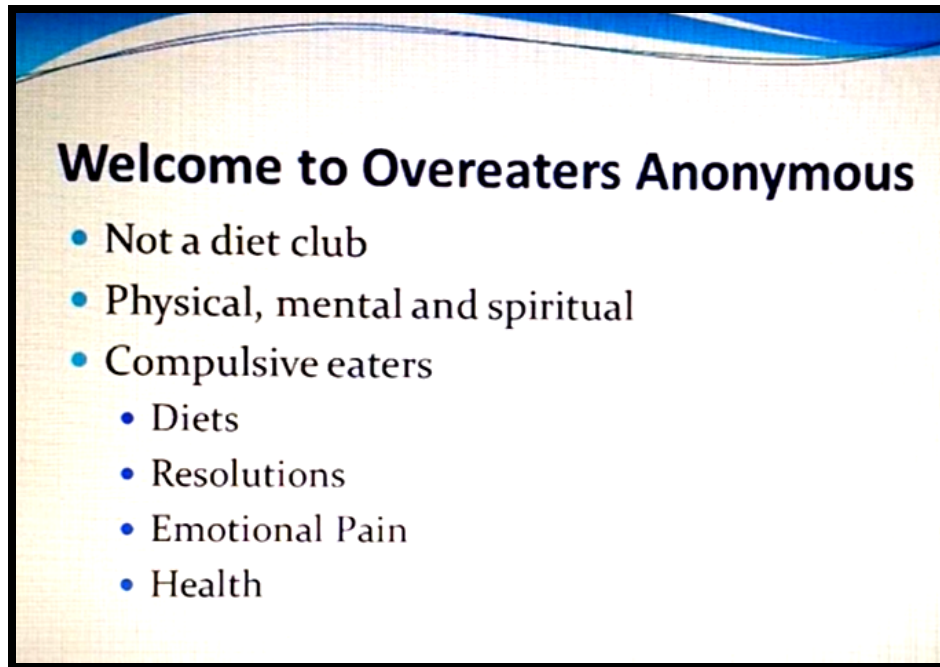


8. OA 12 Step Workshop and Study Guide (questions for all the Steps)  
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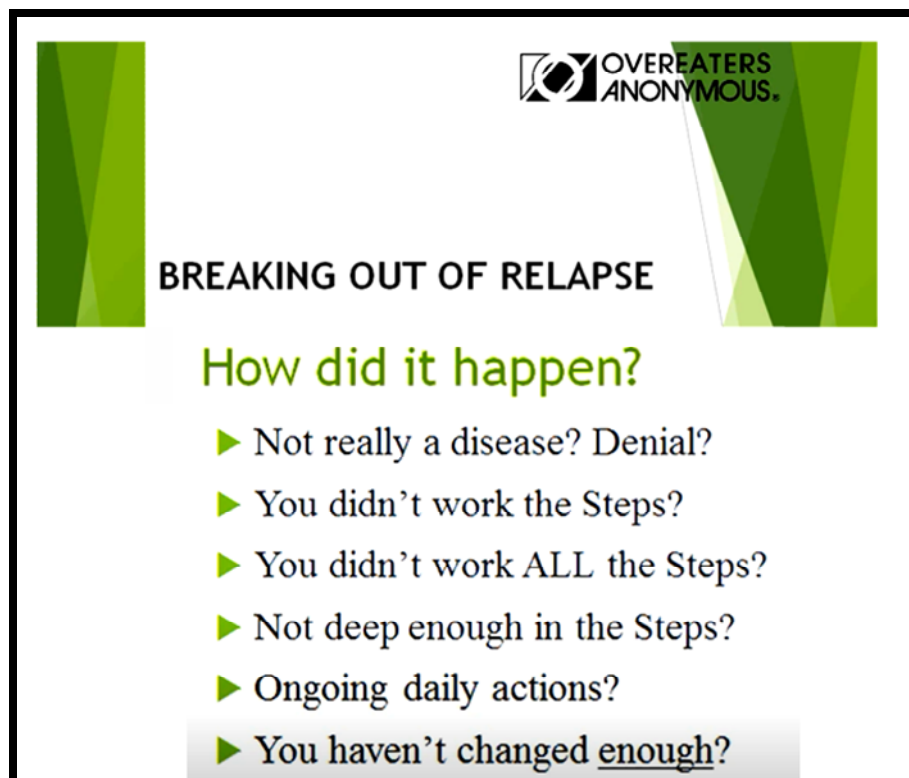




9. Newcomer's Orientation Video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2l-yZsUKqE>



10. Breaking out of Relapse Video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eucl-hArCyl>





## 11. Fifteen Questions

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2019/12/Fifteen-Questions-1.pdf>

# 15 Questions



This series of questions may help you determine if you are a compulsive overeater. Many members of Overeaters Anonymous have found that they have answered yes to many of these questions.

## ARE YOU A COMPULSIVE OVEREATER?

1. Do you eat when you're not hungry? Yes  No
2. Do you go on eating binges for no apparent reason? Yes  No
3. Do you have feelings of guilt and remorse after overeating? Yes  No
4. Do you give too much time and thought to food? Yes  No
5. Do you look forward with pleasure and anticipation to the time when you can eat alone? Yes  No
6. Do you plan these secret binges ahead of time? Yes  No
7. Do you eat sensibly before others and make up for it alone? Yes  No
8. Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? Yes  No
9. Have you tried to diet for a week (or longer), only to fall short of your goal? Yes  No
10. Do you resent others telling you to "use a little willpower" to stop overeating? Yes  No
11. Despite evidence to the contrary, have you continued to assert that you can diet "on your own" whenever you wish? Yes  No
12. Do you crave to eat at a definite time, day or night, other than mealtime? Yes  No
13. Do you eat to escape from worries or trouble? Yes  No
14. Have you ever been treated for obesity or a food-related condition? Yes  No
15. Does your eating behavior make you or others unhappy? Yes  No

## 12. Slip Inventory

<https://oa.org/app/uploads/2019/12/From-Slip-or-Relapse-to-Recovery.pdf>

### From Slip or Relapse to Recovery

**This is an action plan for reclaiming and retaining our abstinence.**

If we are struggling or have had a slip or relapse, we may need to take different actions than before to renew our commitment to abstinence and recovery. The food is the last to go when a compulsive eater slips, relapses, or struggles. A thorough look at food and food behaviors is necessary now because our lives as recovering compulsive overeaters depend on it.

Slips, relapses, and struggles do not have to occur in the journey of recovery. But for some of us this does happen. The goal of this process is not to shame or beat ourselves up. It is to learn from it and move forward with a renewed commitment to ourselves, our abstinence, the OA program, and our Higher Power. This inventory and the actions that we take are the most loving things we can do right now for ourselves, our abstinence, and our recovery.

## 13 Sponsor Training Podcasts

<https://oa.org/sponsorship-success/>

### Sponsorship Success



Questions about sponsorship? Listen to “Sponsorship Success”: a nine-part podcast series by members from various regions sharing their experience, strength, and hope with using the Tool of sponsorship.

#### Open Sponsorship Success ^

The screenshot shows a podcast player interface with two episodes listed:

- Episode 1:** "Intro" by OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS'S PODCAST. Duration: 00:00:00. Includes a play button, a 30-second skip forward button, and various control icons (RSS, download, code, refresh, and libsyn logo).
- Episode 2:** "What is a Sponsor" by OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS'S PODCAST. Duration: 00:00:00. Includes a play button, a 30-second skip forward button, and various control icons (RSS, download, code, refresh, and libsyn logo).

## 14 Sponsorship: A Getting Started Guide

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## A Getting Started Guide



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