Accountability without Defensiveness - Practice worksheet

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Adults; supported use as appropriate | 15 minutes

Fictional example: Quinn wants to acknowledge a broken agreement without explaining it away.

Use an ordinary or fictional example, with a clinician when appropriate. Accountability can name choices and impact without demanding immediate trust.

Practice task

Draft a statement that owns a known action, acknowledges impact, and offers a concrete next step without blaming the hurt partner.

1. My chosen or fictional situation, and what I know about it:

2. My response to the practice task above:

3. What can be owned plainly?

4. An optional next step, support, adaptation, or reason to stop:

Scope and adaptation

Joint work requires private assessment of coercion, violence, fear, and retaliation. Do not require graphic disclosure, passwords, surveillance, reconciliation, forgiveness, or sexual contact. Accountability for deception is not assigned to the hurt partner. Support individual agency and appropriate medical, legal, or safety consultation without using this worksheet as professional advice.

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