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Do you think group work is important in social work practice? Talk to me about group work that you have performed in your life. This could be at your job, an internship or church. Tell me why group work is an important tool for social workers, or why you believe it's not. In this reflection, I want you to focus on the practice of group work. You may use this reflection to also talk about a group that you wish to run or to reflect on a group that you are currently offering.

I believe group work is vital in the Social Work profession. Group work allows for different perspectives on interventions that may be most successful. I have worked within groups at my previous place of employment with a foster care agency. It was mandated that the Case Managers meet with Supervisors, Directors, and a representative from each department to review and plan for assigned cases. I also currently work within groups at my current job. We have bi-monthly meetings with the Tenant Support Coordinator, Case Managers, Superintendent, Porters, Front Door Monitors, Property Managers, and Director of Brooklyn and Queens to review best practices in order to keep the tenants and staff safe. I also facilitate monthly tenant support groups. We discuss safety issues, groups and trip ideas, and best practices to be a friendly neighbor.

I would like to facilitate a group for the clients on my caseload for my internship. This group will discuss safety tips. Many of the clients on my caseload for my internship are requesting emergency transfers. Although most of the clients lived in their apartments for under a year, somehow their address was compromised and they do not feel safe. If the clients follow specific safety tips many of the transfers wouldn't be needed.