

# **RESIDENT EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES AGREEMENT**

## Please fill out and return to info@solacegrouphomes.org

Solace Group Homes Inc. reserves the right dismiss any resident for nonpayment, failure to comply with the Resident Expectations and Guidelines, and/or conduct not deemed in keeping with the goals or values of the program of recovery set forth by Solace Group Homes.

There will be no use or possession of alcohol and/or drugs while in residency at the Solace Group Homes. No visitors are allowed on Solace Group Homes properties under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. All residents and visitors are subject to search by any means required or deemed necessary to ensure compliance. All packages and deliveries are subject to immediate inspection. Any violation will result in immediate dismissal and possible police intervention or prosecution.

## ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY

## Violation of any of the following will result in IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.

- Use or possession of drugs, paraphernalia, alcohol and/or banned substances on or off property.
- Violence or threats of violence.
- Weapons of any kind
- Stealing of any kind. If it is not yours, do not take or use it without permission.
- Bullying of any kind.
- Sexual harassment.
- Racial or sexual slurs.
- Destruction of property.
- Sexual relations or intimate bodily contact with another Solace Group Homes Resident, staff member or volunteer.
- Sex in any Solace Group Homes property is not permitted (Zero Tolerance).
- Abuse of over-the-counter or prescription medication.
- Smoking, lighting candles, or incense inside the houses. No smoking in the house is permitted. Each house has a
- designated smoking area.
- Refusing a drug test, provide urine immediately when requested or giving urine to another resident.
- Repeated write-ups for rule violations.



Solace Group Homes reserves the right to notify law enforcement, parole, probation, drug court or other partners of the reason for dismissal.

# DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING

- Submit to random drug and alcohol breathalyzer testing.
- Use of drugs or banned substances will result in immediate dismissal.
- **BANNED SUBSTANCES INCLUDE**, but are not limited to: Suboxone, Methadone, K2/Spice, any designer drug or controlled substance, CBD in any form, Valerian Root, Kava Kava, Kratom, diet pills, bath salts and overuse of energy drinks.
- If you are asked to submit a urine analysis (UA) or Breathalyzer (BA) you must stay on the property until the test is completed.
- Refusal to give a urine screen or Breathalyzer can result in immediate dismissal. Tests time and frequency are determined by management.
- If you suspect another Resident of using drugs/alcohol, it is your responsibility to report this matter immediately to staff.

Any resident testing positive for drug use and disputing results will be re-tested immediately. If subsequent testing is positive and the resident wishes to continue the dispute, they will without delay leave the premises. If they choose, the resident may, at their expense, obtain an independent test at the medical facility chosen by The Lighthouse.

## **MEDICATION POLICY**

- All prescription medication will be documented during intake, subsequent prescriptions disclosed and locked in house safes. Medications are subject to be inventoried at any time.
- Over-the-counter medications or mouthwash containing alcohol are prohibited.
- K2/Spice, Valerian root, Kratom, Kava Kava, diet pills, 'bath salts," CBD oil or any designer
- drug is not permitted.
- Residents are responsible for obtaining their own medication refills. You are not allowed to stop taking your medication (s) without a doctor's note.
- If you are prescribed medication by a psychiatrist, you will be required to obtain one for continuation of care and possible re-evaluation for the duration of your stay.
- Residents will self-administer medication as directed by a physician with monitoring by Solace Group Home staff.



• Abuse of over-the-counter medication and/or prescription medication will result in immediate dismissal from the program.

#### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Residents are responsible for all program fees during participation of any activity.
- Acceptable forms of payment include: Money order or check.
- Residents are responsible for purchasing their own cigarettes.
- Residents are responsible for purchasing personal items of any kind.

#### TRANSPORTATION

- Residents are responsible for putting in transportation requests as needed.
- All transportation requests are to be submitted at least 48-hours in advance.
- Residents who are employed must submit schedule to Solace Group Homes staff.

#### SAFETY

- In case of a true emergency, call 911 and then notify the manager on duty.
- Safety is the primary concern at Solace Group Homes; therefore, any suspicious activities should be reported to the manager on duty immediately.
- Fire extinguishers are in each house. Please familiarize yourself with their location.
- Do not share razors or cut each other's hair. This is for your own protection from infectious diseases transmitted through blood-borne pathogens.
- No giving or receiving tattoos, piercings, etc. on the premises.
- No smoking, burning candles or incense is allowed in any house. Smoking is permitted outside in designated areas only. Smoking in the house is strictly prohibited!

#### VISITATION

- No active users or drinkers are allowed on the property at any time.
- Except for family, visitors are not allowed to "hang-out" in houses without prior approval. There are other Residents living in our recovery community whose anonymity must be respected.



- Residents must respect the anonymity of all other Residents. Resident information is confidential.
- Visitors are only allowed on the property from 8am to 8pm.
- Visitors are only allowed in the common areas of the house. (No visitors in bedrooms).
- Loitering in cars by visitors and/or Residents outside the facility is not permitted at any time and could be construed as mischievous behavior resulting in discharge.
- Residents must sign-out daily and return home by 10pm unless stated in advance (24hrs) for extended leave.

# CHORE EXPECTATIONS

Al Residents are expected to keep their entire living area clean. This includes making your bed, keeping your belongings neatly organized, and keeping the bath, commode, sink, and floor cleaned daily. Not keeping your room and bathroom clean will result in a write-up or fine. Cleaning up after oneself is mandatory.

Daily hygiene is mandatory. Solace Group Homes staff reserves the right to tell a resident to bathe or attend to personal grooming.

## BEDROOMS

- Bedrooms are private and should be respected. Do not enter a room without permission.
- No visitors are allowed in bedrooms at any time.
- Doors are not to be locked from the outside. If you have valuables, you want locked up, then purchase a lock-box or use a locker that has been provided to you.
- Beds are to be made every morning.
- Rooms are to be kept clean always. Write-ups or fines may be given for dirty rooms. (i.e., clothes on floor, trash, dirty dishes, beds not made, etc.).
- Bedding is to be changed and washed weekly.
- Solace group Homes may search personal belongings at any time including but not limited to bedrooms, closets, dressers, nightstands, vehicles, luggage, etc. for contraband items.
- There is NO food allowed in the bedrooms. If dishes or cups are found in your room, you may receive a write-up or fine.



## **PHONES & TELEVISION**

- Residents may have a cell phone; Solace Group Homes does not hold and responsibility for phones.
- Levels I-III 10:00 PM
- Levels IV 11:00 PM
- Living room TV is shared by many so take turns viewing programs.
- Keep the noise level down after ten (10:00 PM) daily.

## FINES

You will be fined for the following things: (Fines range from \$10.00 - \$50.00)

•	Leaving house door unlocked	Ş50
•	Fire hazard. (i.e. stove/oven left on, dryer lint filter not cleaned, etc.)	\$50
•	Unexcused absence from any leave	\$25
•	Not calling and checking in on the house phone when on leave.	\$25
•	Assigned chores not completed	\$25
•	Dishes left in sink, common areas, or bedrooms.	\$10
•	Leaving food items out in kitchen overnight	\$10
•	Leaving bathroom messy and/or unsanitary	\$10
٠	Eating another Resident's food without permission (this is stealing)	\$10

## PERSONAL VEHICLES

- Personal Vehicles are not allowed
- Residents can have a car provided they have permission and a valid driver's license and insurance policy.
- Residents MUST provide the office with make, model, and license information.
- Residents are not allowed to loan their car to another Resident for any reason.

## HABITATION PERIOD

- Residents are under a one-year commitment unless otherwise stated, and/or if a violation occurs.
- Residents must submit deposit + 1<sup>st</sup> months' rent.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STATUS & AFFIRMATION OF HOUSE CONTRACT

I acknowledge and understand that if accepted at by Solace Group Homes my status will be that of a Resident in the community and not a tenant, and that I will have none of the rights of a tenant under Ohio Revised Code or ORC 5321 Landlord-Tenant Laws.

I further understand that in order to continue in the program I must abide by all rules and guidelines set forth in the RESIDENT EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES, and that I may be dismissed from the home as a result of my failure to abide by any such rules at the sole discretion of the Executive Director. If I am dismissed, I must leave the premises immediately. I hereby waive any and all rights, if any, I may have under Ohio Revised Code or ORC 5321 Landlord-Tenant Laws. I further agree that if Solace Group Homes needs to employ an attorney to enforce my removal from the premises, I will be responsible for all legal fees associated with such removal.

SIGNATURE

DATE