# **Sober Living Home Rules**

# **General Rules**

- 1. Sobriety is Mandatory:
  - No drugs, alcohol, or paraphernalia are allowed on or near the property. Random drug and alcohol testing will be conducted.
  - Residents must remain sober during their stay.
- 2. Compliance with Laws:
  - Residents must comply with all local, state, and federal laws.

### 3. Respect for Others:

- Treat fellow residents, staff, and neighbors with respect.
- No verbal, physical, or emotional abuse will be tolerated.

### 4. Confidentiality:

• Residents must respect each other's privacy and confidentiality. What is shared in the house stays in the house.

# **Daily Living Rules**

#### 5. Chores:

- All residents are responsible for completing assigned chores. A rotating schedule will be maintained.
- $\circ$   $\,$  Common areas must be kept clean and tidy at all times.

#### 6. Curfew:

• Residents must adhere to the established curfew (e.g., 10:00 PM on weekdays, midnight on weekends) unless prior approval is obtained.

# 7. Visitors:

- Visitors are allowed only during designated hours (e.g., 12:00 PM–6:00 PM).
- All visitors must be approved by the House Manager and must adhere to house rules.

# 8. Meals and Food:

- Residents are responsible for preparing their own meals unless otherwise agreed upon.
- Respect others' food and personal items stored in shared spaces.

# **Recovery and Accountability**

9. Recovery Program Attendance:

- Residents must attend a minimum number of recovery meetings per week (e.g., 3–5) and provide proof of attendance if required.
- Participation in house meetings is mandatory.

#### 10. Accountability:

• Residents must submit to random drug and alcohol testing. Refusal to test will be treated as a positive result.

#### 11. Relapse Protocol:

 Any resident who relapses must report to the House Manager immediately. A decision will be made about next steps, which may include temporary leave or discharge.

# **Behavioral Expectations**

#### 12. No Violence or Threatening Behavior:

• Physical or verbal threats, fighting, or any form of harassment will result in immediate dismissal.

#### 13. No Romantic Relationships:

• Romantic relationships between residents are strictly prohibited to maintain a focused recovery environment.

#### 14. No Stealing or Destruction of Property:

• Theft or intentional damage to property will result in immediate expulsion and possible legal action.

#### 15. Use of Technology:

- Excessive use of phones, computers, or other devices that interferes with house activities or recovery is discouraged.
- Pornographic or triggering materials are not allowed.

# **Financial Responsibility**

#### 16. Residency Payments:

- Residency fees must be paid on time. Failure to pay the residency fee may result in eviction.
- A security deposit is required upon move-in.

# Safety and Security

- 18. Weapons:
  - No weapons of any kind are allowed on the property.
- 19. Emergency Procedures:

• Follow emergency protocols for fire, medical situations, or other crises.

# 20. House Manager Authority:

• The House Manager has the final say in enforcing rules and resolving disputes.

# **Move-Out Policy**

#### 21. Notice of Departure:

- Residents must provide a minimum of 30 days' notice before moving out.
- The resident's room must be cleaned and inspected prior to departure.

#### 22. Exit Interview:

• An exit interview may be conducted to gather feedback and ensure a smooth transition.

# **Consequences for Violations**

- Failure to Remain Sober: Immediate removal from house. The success of the group must never be jeopardized by an individual who is relapsing.
- Theft: Immediate removal if evidence proves true.
- **Disruptive Behavior:** A verbal and written warning will be issued on first offense. A second offense will result in removal from the house. Any physical abuse or physical threats will result in immediate removal