



Advocate House

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HOUSE RULES

These Rules are effective upon admission to Advocate House. Any of them may be amended, modified, deleted, added to, or changed as deemed necessary by the Advocate House Executive Director or House Director.

The Advocate House is a Christian Faith Based Program that utilizes Alcoholics Anonymous' 12 Steps and Church. The Advocate House Program is 7 – 9 months.

Please read all pages carefully and ask questions if you do not understand something.

1. General House

- A. All residents are required to attend the house meeting at 6:00 PM Thursdays or other designated day.
- B. Residents are prohibited from use and possession of illicit drugs and alcohol. All residents must do an observed drug test any time staff requires it. The resident has 45 minutes to test, or it is considered a failed test.
- C. All residents shall wake up at 6:30 AM, be out of bed at 6:35 AM, and in morning mediation at 7:00 AM Monday – Friday. All residents shall be out of bed and ready to start their day by 10:00 AM Saturday & Sunday.
- D. All residents shall be in bed by 11:00 PM Sunday – Thursday. All residents shall be in bed by 1:00 AM on Friday & Saturday. All TVs and radios shall be off at bedtime.
- E. No fighting on or off the premises. This includes threatening another.
- F. No profanity on the premises.
- G. No gambling on the premises.
- H. A resident is required to submit to a search of their personal belongings or rooms when asked by the Advocate House Staff at any time.
- I. Having a nonresident in your bedroom is prohibited.
- J. Possession of a weapon of any kind is prohibited.
- K. Possession of pocketknife or regular knife with over 4” blades is prohibited.
- L. Sexual activity of any kind on the premises is prohibited.
- M. Theft of any kind is prohibited.
- N. Modifications to the house structure or systems are prohibited.
- O. Advocate House furniture or any other property is to remain in the room that it is currently in unless you receive permission from Advocate House Staff.
- P. Smoking or the use of any tobacco products shall be in the designated OUTSIDE areas only. Do not throw cigarette butts, empty tobacco containers, etc. into the yard. May have snuff with a bottle that has a lid. Bottles will not be left lying around the house.
- Q. Verbal abuse of the Advocate House Staff or other residents is prohibited.
- R. Residents are not permitted in the office area unless asked by Advocate House Staff and the Staff is present.

- S. Residents' working are required to show pay check stubs to the Advocate House Staff when asked.
 - T. Residents are not to isolate themselves in their bedrooms or have doors locked while in bedroom.
 - U. Advocate House may request the following types of paperwork from DHHR, Social Security, Doctor's Office, etc. to ensure continued engagement with program requisites.
 - V. Residents are not allowed in any bars or gambling parlors for any reason.
 - W. Residents will be required to complete any life lesson assignments given by Advocate House Staff. According to the completion date and time given by the staff member.
 - X. Residents' bags will be checked upon entry and dismissal from the house.
 - Y. *The Advocate House is not responsible for damage or loss of your personal property. Residents cannot place anything under lock and key unless the Advocate House has a duplicate key.*
 - Z. Residents must ask another resident prior to taking or using anything of theirs.
 - AA. Residents are not permitted to add electrical devices of any kind on the Advocate House's electrical service without permission from the Advocate House Staff.
 - BB. The washer and dryer are for use by and for Advocate House residents only. Anyone doing laundry for someone outside of the house will be fined \$20.00 and put on restrictions.
 - CC. All house supplies are for use in the Advocate House only. This includes dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Anyone taking house supplies will be fined \$20.00 and put on restrictions.
 - DD. No TVs are allowed in bedrooms.
 - EE. No watching TV shows, movies, etc. on computers, phones, tablets, etc.
 - FF. No watching TV shows, movies, music videos, or listening to music that contains explicit sexual content, drug/alcohol content, or profanity.
 - GG. All residents stay out of alleys, back roads, etc.
 - HH. No electronic devices such computers, tablets, gaming systems, etc. are allowed. Smart phones are allowed. Computers are acceptable if needed for work/school when approved by lead staff.
 - II. No resident shall have in their possession on the property any type of material referring to witchcraft or satanism.
 - JJ. No new criminal violations once admitted.
2. Consequences will include but are not limited to:
- A. Written assignments
 - B. Restriction to the house with no visitors.
 - C. Extra cleaning chores
 - D. Hours deducted from your pass
 - E. Community Service
 - F. Phone Restriction
 - G. Consequences will be applied immediately.
 - H. Extended program time

I certify that I have read or have had read and explained to me the rules of Advocate House, and that I fully understand all these rules. As a condition of my admission and continued residency, I agree to abide by all these rules.

I will not hold the house liable for any personal injury or theft of personal property.

I (print your name) _____ understand and agree that I can be required to leave the property. I shall not be allowed back on the property for 1 year unless agreed to in writing by the House Director. If I wish to continue to engage in the recovery process, I will be referred to another facility.

Resident's Signature

Date

Advocate House Staff Signature

Date

Date of Admission:
