

MiamiCrashpad.com

Information and House Policies

Welcome!!

Welcome! We are sincerely glad you're here and our mission is to offer the best value possible for our fellow pilots! Our crash pad is unique because of its location which makes it easy to get out and enjoy the best of South Florida!

Being AA pilots ourselves, we seek to make it easy for you to get the rest you need, plus add many conveniences so that you can focus on making the most of your time away from home!

For those new to airlines or crash pad life....

What is a "crash pad"?

It's really a "cooperative" (co-op) where many share the expenses in order to have safe, affordable, predictable, and comfortable housing away from home. This means that everyone plays a critical role in the sustainability of the co-op.

This role includes ontime monthly rent payments, completely cleaning up after self in the bathrooms, kitchen and common areas, making us aware items that need attention, giving us ideas for making improvements, helping to keep the utilities low (e.g., raise the thermostat when the last to leave), and helping daytime sleepers getting ready for redehyes.

Another critical role is promoting the pad to your buddies. A crash pad cannot sustain months of negative cash flow. Loss of this crash pad, in particular, is truly a loss because of our location. We need to stay as full as possible to have the cash to offset months of high vacancies that come now and then. If we can avoid losses then we also can add amenities!

What is a "crash pad" NOT?

It's not "home". It's intended to be a staging ground while you're away from home, whether it's before a trip or while waiting to be assigned a trip.

On days off, it's time to vacate the pad so that others can enjoy it being as empty as possible. So if you're like the rest of us seeking to save a buck, this isn't a residence to occupy every day.

It's not a place to bring guests, even if the pad is empty. No hookups, no wives, no buddies, sorry. If you need a place for someone, it needs to be a hotel or Airbnb.

Contacts

Frank (815) 621-3424 is an ORD 737 FO and is the primary contact for money matters and booking calendar. He keeps the big picture on occupancy and bills coming due. Frank does not commute to MIA yet. Frank is the contact for joining the WhatsApp group.

Ron (954) 678-0123 is a MIA 737 FO that lives south of the pad and is the primary contact for ops issues with the pad. Ron flies turns and will usually offer a ride VIA WHATSAPP to or from the airport if your schedule fits with his. Ron periodically cleans the pad and stocks it with supplies and food/drink items.

Both can answer questions regarding the pad, but each has his own focal point so you might have to speak directly to the one that has the big picture for your specific question.

Also, we are very happy to help new guys with their AA life questions regarding bidding, PBS, trip trading, gouges for terrain airports, etc... Both Frank and Ron have been with AA/Eagle for as much as 30 years.

BTW, we rent the house ourselves and our landlord is AMAZING! We have a superintendent that takes care of problems with the house, usually very quickly. Ron is the contact for any deficiency with the house or the supplies.

We Use WhatsApp...Please Join The Crashpad Group To Be Plugged In

We highly request everyone to join our WhatsApp group for the following benefits:

- You can broadcast when you're arriving or learn when others are arriving/leaving
- You can get a quick answer to anything regarding the crash pad or AA life
- You can see if anyone is around to grab a meal or drink with, rideshare to the beach, etc..
- Frank and Ron can share the latest news about the pad, like new amenities
- Ron flies turns & can let you and the others know when he can give a ride to/from airport
- Sometimes there is a power outage or other issue that you may need to know about!

For example, one of the guys, Ronnie, got locked out of the pad by another that thought he was the last to leave. Ronnie posted his demise on WhatsApp and within a minute, he was reminded that we keep a keys in a lock box in the mailbox. Another time, a sewer line clogged and within minutes, Ron called the Superintendent, who cleared the line that day. In the meantime, the WhatsApp group learned right away not to use the bathrooms in that unit. Or a few weeks ago, a transformer blew on a power pole and updates by the guys in the pad were broadcast on WhatsApp.

This is the easiest way for all of us to keep in touch quickly!

So please contact Frank to be added to this group? It benefits EVERYONE tremendously!

Amenities!

We sincerely want this crash pad to be a place you look forward to using! Our goal is to SAVE YOU time and money (and stress) wherever possible!

- Free Beer! Enjoy a beer or two when you arrive. (If you're drink more than that, please buy your own as we don't have the budget.) We also have bottled water.
- Basic food like organic eggs, bread, organic peanut butter, organic jam, cooking spray, grass fed butter, Himalayan salt, pepper, organic half/half, and coffee. We don't guarantee that all of these are always available. Please use these items to save yourself the time/money, but at the same time, please don't live off them breakfast/lunch/dinner. Again, we don't have the budget to feed everyone all day. 😊
- Keurig coffee maker, reusable K-cups, and ground coffee. Please bring any K-cups from the hotels that you can share with the pad. Rinse out reusable K-cup after use.
- Mini-shaving kits with essential toiletries when you unexpectedly run out. These are in the hall closet. Take only what you need and replace your missing items as soon as you can.
- Two bicycles to get out and enjoy all the bike trails plus go to the grocery store
- Two grills, two kitchens
- Two free laundry rooms with laundry soap
- New pillow and washed bath towels, linens and blanket for each new person
- Free wifi throughout the house (use range extenders for best coverage in bedrooms)
- Tennis Rackets, balls, basketball, and some other exercise equipment
- Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Kits in each unit

House Policies

Payment:

We need payment no later than the 1st of the month. Frank is the money guy so please address any payment questions to him. There are multiple ways to make the payment for your convenience.

Deposit Refund:

We will eagerly and promptly REFUND your deposit under these conditions:

- If we receive one CALENDAR month's notice of your departure. Since airline life is generally based upon calendar months, we need each person to commit to the entire month, not just give 30 day's notice. So, e.g., on the 1st of December, we need to know with certainty whether you're committed to the entire month of January or not. If not, then we start looking for the next person to take your bed. So if you tell us December 1st that you will pay for January in full, we then turn away others that want that bed for January.

- If we DON'T receive one calendar month's notice, then we don't refund the deposit UNLESS we find someone to replace you that offers no gap in cashflow. Example, if you tell us on December 20th that you're leaving December 31st, we keep your deposit unless you/we find your replacement that pays for January. And we work hard to fill vacancies (website, word of mouth, flyers, etc...). We DON'T want your deposit but need it to protect the crash pad. We feel this policy is a fair compromise to meet your needs for economy/flexibility and our need to keep the crash pad financially viable for the future.

Entering the Crash Pad for the First Time:

- **Obtain the crash pad address and lock box passcode from Frank or Ron.**
- The crash pad is a DUPLEX and we have both units, 1116 and 1118.
- Upon arrival, get the lock box from the mailbox, open it, get the keys and enter the right front door (1118). Go to the desk, right drawer, get a set of keys, replace lock box keys.
- The keys are for both units and both units are for you to enjoy. Always lock front doors.
- The beds have numbers in 1116 and letters in 1118. Each bed has a small label on the footboard. Grab a beer and find your bed! Welcome! 😊
- Your bed should have a new pillow, new or washed towel, new or washed hand towel, and clean sheets and blanket. If something is missing, please look in the hallway closets in 1118 and 1116 to find what you're missing. There are also numerous used pillows if you need a second one. If you still can't find it, then call Ron @ (954) 678-0123
- Help yourself to a beer! Welcome!

Wi-Fi:

We have two routers and two range extenders. Best to use the extenders as they reach into the bedrooms better than the regular routers.

- Home-4262-5 and Home-4262-5_5GEXT Password: TCFA3X9H4DC7CCAX
- BogeyDope and BogeyDope_2GEXT Password: AA660044
- We have a WiFi color printer/scanner

Commons Areas:

It doesn't matter what side your bed is on, the entire house is for everyone. So if the laundry on your bed side is being used, go use the other one. Same with the kitchen and living rooms.

One living room has the TV and one living room is for those that want a quiet place to read, watch the ipad, etc...

“C”ommon Food Items:

Anything that the pad provides like eggs, bread, peanut butter, jam, butter, salt, pepper, cooking spray, etc..., will have a “C” written on it. The bottom drawer of each fridge has the eggs, butter, and bread. The freezer also may have bread. We don’t mark each bottle of beer, so look around to see what beer is in abundance either in the fridge or on the counter across from it. We don’t buy light beer or cheap beer.

Please do NOT sustain yourself on these items. We simply don’t have the budget for that. These items are meant to save you time and money so that you don’t have to inconvenience yourself when your schedule is tight and you ran out of stuff.

So upon your arrival, have a beer or two on us, but please don’t sit around all day and drink crash pad beer. Got an early report, make a quick breakfast, but don’t have an omelet for every meal. Stuff like that. Thanks! 😊

Enjoy all the coffee you can drink! The Keurigs and reusable K-cups are there for your convenience.

Help Each Other Sleep:

If a bedroom door is closed, assume that someone is sleeping and carefully open the door to see if that’s the case.

If so, and you’re arriving to the pad, please leave your luggage outside the bedroom and prepare for bed in the hallway bathroom, not the master bathroom that your bedroom might have. That way when you enter the bedroom, you’re ready to hit the sack and minimize the possibility of waking up your crash pad mate.

If you’re not heading for bed, please try to keep voices down if you think it may be a disruption to the sleeper. Or go to the other unit where no one is sleeping.

Twin Beds vs. Bunks:

Our layout is primarily twin beds which obviously makes the rooms crowded. But if we removed one bed from each bedroom, we would have to raise the rent. If we went to all bunks, it would create misery for most.

If two guys like bunks, I don’t see why we couldn’t put two twins together for them to open up floor space, so let us know if that’s something you want on a case-by-case basis.

Clean Up After Yourself:

- Our crash pad is known for being pretty darn clean and tidy. This ONLY happens because each crash pad mate picks up after himself, not because of weekly cleanings by Ron.
- After cooking, clean all pans, plates, glasses, etc., by hand immediately. South Florida is notorious for ants and roaches so any lingering food attracts bugs. The dishwashers don't work and we don't want them to work because dishes will end up sitting there unwashed.
- After using the bathroom, please rinse the sink, rinse the shower/bathtub, and remove all evidence of tacos in the toilets! 😊 There are cleaning products in each bathroom/kitchen.
- Please take out the trash if you see it full. The trash cans are on each side of the house. We DON'T have to put the cans by the road. The garbage guys empty the cans for us.
- If you see someone that is consistently messy, please let Ron know so that we can correct that. This includes beds left unmade or sloppy.

If You're The Last To Leave:

- Make sure the thermostat is raised to 78F
- Make sure all doors are locked in both units

Our Website:

- The website has many maps to show you how to use public transportation, bike trails and where stuff is like the supermarket, dry cleaners, movies, and my favorite, Shorty's BBQ!
- Login is "crashpadlogin@gmail.com" and password is "12345678".
- We also have a flyer you can print to then place in crew rooms or the schoolhouse.
- If you have more ideas of stuff to put on the website, let Ron know. He made the site.

We all make the crash pad a success! We need your ideas for improvements plus we need to know when we are missing the mark or when supplies are getting low. It truly is a co-op and please know that Frank and Ron are 150% interested in your immense satisfaction with this crash pad!

THANKS AGAIN FOR COMING! Frank & Ron 😊