

RECOVERY HOUSING RESIDENTS' RIGHTS

Each Recovery Housing participant has the right to:

1. Equal access to a participating recovery house that upholds all federal, state, and local fair housing laws, landlord/tenant laws, nondiscriminatory state and federal requirements, local zoning regulations, and local building codes.
2. An environment that is conducive to recovery and at a minimum, encompasses the following criteria:
 - a. Meets local health and safety codes appropriate to the type of occupancy
 - b. Is a residential property that does not include more than 16 beds and does not include beds for substance use disorder treatment
 - c. Is smoke-free (can have designated outdoor smoking areas in compliance with local and state laws)
 - d. Free of insect and rodent infestation
 - e. In good repair, clean and well maintained
 - f. Provides gender-specific sleeping and bathroom accommodations
 - g. 50+ sq. ft per bed per sleeping room
 - h. Minimum of one sink, toilet, and shower per each six residents
 - i. Includes space for personal item storage, including food storage, for each resident
 - j. On-site laundry services or available transportation to off-site laundry services
 - k. All major appliances are in safe, working condition
 - l. Adequate carbon monoxide and smoke detectors in compliance with fire marshal report
 - m. Kitchen and dining area are large enough to accommodate residents sharing meals together
 - n. Includes space, such as a group room, that is large enough to accommodate all residents and can be utilized for small group activities and socializing
3. Not be subject to physical, emotional, or sexual abuse or harassment by employees or another resident
4. Be provided a reasonable opportunity to practice the religion of the resident's choice insofar as the practice does not interfere with the rights of other residents or the recovery house program
5. Have the right to be excused from any religious practice
6. Access to communal areas of the home
7. Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
8. Possess prescription and non-prescription medications
9. Access to Naloxone
10. Confidentiality in accordance with state and federal law
11. A home that is staffed by individuals with CPR, First Aid, and Narcan administration training
12. Continue residency after conclusion of Recovery Housing program participation with a rental rate that does not exceed the reimbursement rate offered to the provider by the Recovery Housing Program
13. Be made aware of the following
 - a. response plans for the following:
 - i. Fire and other natural disasters
 - ii. Exposure to bodily fluids and other contagious diseases
 - iii. Insect and/or rodent infestation
 - iv. Identification of prohibited items (e.g. weapons, substances) and procedures for associated searches by staff
 - b. a relapse policy which includes protocols and procedures for intoxication, withdrawal, and overdose occurrences
 - c. grounds for residency termination
14. New resident onboarding, which includes review of all program policies
15. File a grievance and be made aware of the grievance procedure
16. A home that accessible and available to all residents. If the housing is locked during any portion of the 24-hour day, each resident shall be provided with a working key or access code, or staff shall be immediately available on the premises to open the door for any resident
17. Engage in paid work that is offered equally to all participants, is commensurate with marketplace value and minimum wage laws, does not interfere with recovery progress, and are voluntary
18. Not be reprimanded for declining paid work agreements