

Sweeney Youth Homes House Rules

RESIDENTS WILL ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES AT ALL TIMES:

1. Follow ALL instructions given by staff immediately without argument.
2. Obtain approval for ALL activities from staff.
3. Obtain staff approval before leaving the premises.
4. Obtain staff approval for visitors. Staff will determine the appropriate time, place and duration of all visits. All leaves, trips, dates, times, etc. must have staff approval and must be planned at least 72 hours prior to requested date(s).
5. Physical contact with other residents is prohibited, e.g., wrestling, horseplay, fighting, taunting, sexual contact.
6. Possession or use of drugs, alcohol and weapons is prohibited. Drug or alcohol paraphernalia is also prohibited, including posters, t-shirts, bumper stickers, etc.
7. Noise must be kept at a level considerate of neighbors, staff and fellow residents. Playing music must be approved by staff. Residents may have radios, cassette and CD players and headphones are recommended. Radios and cassette and CD players will be confiscated if they are misused. Objectionable types of music will not be tolerated and will be confiscated. This includes music with sexual, racial, satanic, gang-related or crude.
8. You must let staff know where you will be and what you will be doing at all times. You must also sign out and in every time you leave the facility without staff.
9. Burning of candles or incense is prohibited.
10. Residents may not smoke, use or possess tobacco products, lighters, matches or smoking paraphernalia while under the care of Sweeney Youth Home staff.
11. Clothing must be appropriate at all times, as determined by staff. Gang, skin-head or sexually revealing dress is prohibited.
12. You must respect the property of others. You may not trade, exchange or take the property of other residents. You will be charged for any Sweeney Youth Home property you take or destroy.
13. You are responsible for keeping your room clean and neat. Your room and chore area must be ready for inspection at all times.
14. All residents can use the phone to call placement or licensing workers or attorneys with staff approval. Other phone privileges are earned by appropriate behavior. Residents may earn one ten-minute long-distance phone call per week at Sweeney Youth Homes expense. This call will be made *ONLY* under the supervision of the manager or with the manager's specific

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authorization. Staff shall dial all numbers, record the call on the phone log and time the call. Residents may receive unlimited long distance calls from approved relatives at approved times, provided the resident has phone privileges. Relatives should be encouraged to call residents. Residents may use the phone only during posted phone hours and may not use the phone for personal calls until after 5:00 p.m. on weekdays. Residents may not accept collect phone calls.

15. Residents may not possess any medication, including aspirin, cold remedies and prescription medication. All medication must be given to staff for storage. It will be dispensed to you as prescribed.

16. Residents are responsible for their own personal property. It must be kept in proper storage areas and items repeatedly left out will be confiscated. Valuables should be given to staff for safekeeping. Receipts will be issued for such items. Sweeney Youth Homes is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal property unless it is given to staff for safekeeping and the resident has a receipt.

17. Privacy is essential. You are not allowed in other residents' bedrooms unattended or uninvited. Invitations must come from both roommates.

18. You must shower, brush your teeth and perform other basic hygienic functions on a daily basis.

19. Eating or drinking is permitted only in the dining area. No food is permitted outside this area.

20. Entry into the kitchen and food storage areas is prohibited, unless authorized by staff.

21. Bedroom doors must remain open at all times, except when you are dressing or with staff authorization. They are never to be locked.

22. Residents may not ride in any vehicle without prior staff approval. Residents may not operate any motor vehicle, except when such operation is part of a school driver education program.

23. Loitering in front of the house is not permitted. When being dropped off, residents must proceed immediately into the house.

24. Residents are not permitted in the house when staff are not there. If for some unplanned reason a resident arrives at a home when no staff is there, that resident is to remain in the back yard until staff return.

25. Attendance at school, counseling sessions and group meetings is mandatory.

26. No pets are allowed.

27. All residents and their property is subject to search by staff with or without warning.

28. Furniture may not be moved without staff permission.

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29. All gang-related behavior is prohibited, including writing, dress, language and nicknames.
30. Swearing, teasing, or verbal abuse of staff or residents is prohibited as is yelling, screaming or loud talking.
31. Tattooing or use or possession of tattooing tools or paraphernalia is prohibited.
32. Residents *MUST* follow all Sweeney Youth Homes schedules at all times. Residents must also return *IMMEDIATELY* following school, passes, furloughs, etc.
33. Proper table manners are required at all meals.
34. The TV may be used *ONLY* with staff authorization and never before 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.
35. Residents must be considerate and respectful of staff, interns, guests and neighbors at all times.
36. Residents may not use any pool, spa, lake or ocean for swimming without the permission and direct supervision of properly trained Sweeney Youth Home staff.
37. These rules may be changed by the Director at any time.
38. All rules stated above apply as long as residents are under the care of Sweeney Youth Homes. All rules apply whether or not residents are on Sweeney Youth Homes' premises; they apply to all passes, home visits, time at school, etc. Violation of any of these rules may lead to expulsion from the program.

EVICITION PROCESS

Sweeney Youth Homes may, at its discretion and upon thirty (30) days written notice to the resident and their representative(s), evict said resident for one or more of the following reasons:

- * Non-payment of basic rate within ten days of due date.
- * Failure to comply with state/local laws after receiving written notice of an alleged violation
- * Inability of Sweeney Youth Homes to meet resident's needs.
- * Change of use of facility.

I have read and understand the above-stated rules and conditions and agree to observe and abide by them as long as I am a resident and under the care and supervision of Sweeney Youth Homes.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Placement Worker's Signature

Date

Sweeney Youth Homes Representative Date Clinical Director

Date