

INDEPENDENT LIVING PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

1. Present a Treatment Plan affidavit before moving into Next Step.
2. Total abstinence from alcohol and drugs this includes CBD, K2, Delta 8, and any other synthetics, alcohol and drug testing will be performed randomly, failure to provide testing within 1 hour of being asked will result in immediate discharge & count as a positive drug test. Participant being discharged on grounds of positive drug test will have 1 hour to leave the premises.
3. Individualized program areas are subject to random inspections. Any evidence of alcohol, drugs, porn, or gambling can result in discharge, including empty bottles, undisclosed prescriptions, drug paraphernalia, etc. Criminal behaviors will not be tolerated.
4. No weapons are allowed on the property or in vehicles on the property at any time.
5. Violence or threats of violence, emotional or physical, and verbal harassment will not be tolerated and are grounds for immediate termination of this sober living agreement. Participants will be immediately removed from property if necessary and may face possible legal repercussions.
6. Theft will result in immediate termination and possible legal action.
7. Participant is required to attend a minimum of three 12-step Recovery Meetings per week (AA/NA/CA etc.) One of these meetings will be Next Step house meeting & another will be Serenity Village life recovery meeting.
8. Participant will have a curfew of 10:00 pm on weekdays & 12:00am weekends for the initial 30 days. After the initial 30 days, curfew will be 12:00am
9. Participant will work, attend school, or volunteer a minimum of 25 hours a week. No overnight work allowed.
10. Participant's job will not affect mandatory meetings at Next Step programming.
11. Participant will allow management to search room or anything on property at any time.
12. All Participants must respect the other members of the community regarding noise, cleanliness, personal space, and respecting personal use in common living areas when others are with their visitors.
13. No overnight guests.
14. Management is not responsible for any items stolen or damaged.

15. If discharged no food will be stored by management. Personal items will be securely stored for 30 days and after that time will be disposed of.

16. Tobacco products may NOT be used inside the buildings or Living units. No throwing cigarette butts on any of the grounds. Vapes may be used in the house in moderation.

17. Smoking is only allowed in designated areas outside of the buildings. Participants who smoke must always keep the areas clean. Smoking towers must be used, kept clean and emptied regularly.

18. Each participant is required to do a scheduled chore shift each week as assigned. The participant is required to be up and have his bed made by 9 am and maintain a reasonable level of cleanliness around the house as required by the managers

19. I understand that Next Step cannot be held liable for any exposure to the COVID-19 virus, or any other disease contracted while staying at Next Step.

20. In consideration of the permission granted me to stay temporarily as a guest in Next Step, I promise and agree to observe and abide by all rules, regulations and requirements stated above and any further rules that the management may need to include for the smooth running of the facilities.

21. Guests will need to sign in and out, Next Step management has the right to vet and screen visitors.

22. If a client is discharged from NUWAY or other treatment programs, Next Step must be notified immediately and the client may be subject to discharge at Next Step's management discretion.

23. If a client disrupts the environment at Next Step, they may be subject to discharge at management's discretion. Examples include but are not limited to: lying, gaslighting, propaganda, manipulation.

*****Assumption of Risk, Release & Indemnification. Participant agrees to assume and accept all risks arising out of, associated with or related to Participant's participation in Next Step sober program and residence at Next Step (the "premises") including but not limited to those risks which may have been caused in whole or part by the negligent actions or omissions of Next Step or its agents. Next Step and its agents shall NOT be liable for any damages or injury of or to the person or property of the Participant's, Participant's family, guests, invitees or agents entering the premises – including but not limited to damage or injury (to person or property) caused in whole or in part by the negligent actions or omissions of Next Step or its agents – unless such damage or injury is proximately caused by the reckless or intentional misconduct of Next Step or its agents. Resident hereby releases Next Step and its agents from all such liability, and further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold Next Step and its agents harmless from all claims or assertions of damage or injury to the person or property of***

Participant occurring on or about the Premises, with the sole exception of claims for damage or injury proximately caused by reckless or intentional misconduct of Next Step or its agents.

The undersigned acknowledges understands and accepts that they are living in an alcohol and drug free shared housing property managed by a house manager. The undersigned also acknowledges that program agreement is in the capacity of a lodger sharing a housing unit and not as a tenant with rights or possession of space entirely. This is not a landlord/tenant agreement. The endorse understands that failure to abide with Next Step Management Housing rules and regulations will be grounds for termination of program agreement and will be asked to leave immediately. If you have been terminated from next step your monthly shared expense has been forfeited.