



House of Hope Vancouver, BC

Policies for Short Term Visiting Residents

House of Hope is a safe haven for individuals making a choice to live without mind altering substances and filled with purposeful interactions in society, with God, and in caring relationships. In certain cases, the house also welcomes short term residents for the purpose of supporting new directions in their life. This is defined as a period of time from an overnight stay to a stay of less than a month. In some cases, visits can take place on a recurring basis. In order to protect the safety of each woman's residence the following policies will govern expectations for short term visiting residents.

A commitment to live drug and alcohol free in all circumstances, both time spent at House of Hope and time alone.

A visiting resident must be drug and alcohol free for at least 24 hours. (Exception: Where a woman is fleeing a violent and unsafe circumstance an exception might be considered on a case by case basis.)

No drug or alcohol use in the house or elsewhere while living in the house. Any visiting resident who relapses cannot stay overnight for a period of seven days after last use.

Contact with former "using buddies", other than in support group meetings, is prohibited during the period of residence in the house.

Repeat relapses will require a 30-day ban from overnight stays, after which a safety plan will be discussed with house staff. Relapse during this stage will necessitate no further overnight stays until a period of sobriety has been established.

During residence time the visitor will participate in house activities in accordance with house policies and standards that exist for all residents. These include: a) a schedule of meaningful activity during the day with no TV before 5 pm; b) participation in meetings and house devotions; c) no "war stories" with other residents; d) financial obligation for food and utilities as established by the house staff; e) sharing of household chores and duties.