



"Saving Lives and Reuniting Families"

GUIDELINES FOR NEW ADMISSIONS TO FREEDOM HOUSE HALFWAY HOUSE

These guidelines are intended to assist scheduled new admissions to our halfway house program and referrals on the waiting list, and are not intended to be all inclusive. A Client Handbook with complete rules and guidelines will be provided at the time of admission.

What you should know.....

- Freedom House is a long-term substance abuse treatment facility (Halfway House) with clinically driven lengths of stay averaging four to eight months.
- Freedom House requires clients to be clean cut; hair must be cut short and facial hair is not permitted.
- Freedom House is located in a remote country setting; however all transportation is provided (*work, court, 12-step meetings, medical appointments, etc.*)
- Clients are not permitted to have a personal vehicle until they are in Phase II of the program (*typically at about three months*)
- Freedom House clients are required to attend 12-Step Recovery Support Meetings per week

What to bring:

- \$75.00 admission fee – covers costs of Necessity Package (sheets, blanket, pillow, towel, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, shaving cream, and Recovery Materials)
- A suit, tie, dress shirt, dress socks, and dress shoes (if possible)
- Picture ID, Birth Certificate, Social Security Card (if available)

Information on Prohibited items:

- **IMPORTANT: For health and sanitary reasons, you are prohibited from bringing any bedding (sheets, blankets, pillows, etc.) with you to Freedom House. These items will be provided to you at admission. ALL CLOTHING BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY MUST BE IN PLASTIC BAGS; NO LUGGAGE IS TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY. ALL CLOTHING BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY MUST BE LAUNDERED IF SOILED, AND ALL CLOTHING AND FABRIC ITEMS MUST BE PUT IN THE DRYER FOR ONE CYCLE BEFORE BEING BROUGHT INTO COMMON AREAS (OFFICES, LIVING ROOM, BEDROOM).**
- Cell Phones, Ipad, laptops, and other communication devices are not permitted at Freedom House.
- Any products containing alcohol are prohibited (cologne, hair products, etc.), and will be confiscated.
- No pornographic materials are permitted at Freedom House
- No music with objectionable material is allowed, this will include, but is not limited to the following: profanity, criminal behavior, sexist, drug related, satanic, and anything that the treatment team feels is not conducive to recovery from drugs and alcohol.
- No head rags or headgear is to be worn inside the facility. Headgear must be taken off upon entering the building.
- Clients are prohibited from getting their body pierced at Freedom House. In the event a client had his body pierced prior to admission, he is prohibited from wearing jewelry in that piercing.
- Clients are prohibited from getting tattoos while at Freedom House. If a client has a previous tattoo that is offensive or not conducive to his recovery, he is required, when able, to cover it.
- Weapons of any kind are prohibited at Freedom House.

NOTE: All admissions to Freedom House are required to have a physical exam and TB testing. If you have not had this done in the past 6 months, please request the Freedom House Medical Certification form to bring to the doctor to ensure that all medical requirements for admission are satisfied. Referrals will not be placed on the waiting list until all medical requirements have been satisfied.

IMPORTANT: All referrals on the waiting list must call to check in with an Intake Coordinator weekly if they want to remain on the list.

If you have any questions, please call (908) 537-6043 and ask to speak with an Intake Coordinator