Engedi House Rules & Expectations

Engedi House is dedicated to the safety of every program participant, and these rules and expectations apply to all residents. Violations will be handled with sensitivity, patience and respect in the hopes of forming heartfelt compliance from each participant. However, violations that compromise the safety and security of others may result in the immediate removal of that resident.

1. No drugs: Possession of drugs or alcohol of any kind will not be permitted under any circumstances. This includes possession of drug related paraphernalia and photos or reading material that glorify the use of illegal substances.

2. No sexual contact: Every program participant is here trying to heal from some form of sexual abuse or exploitation. Engedi House is a safe place, free from sexual pressure. Everyone is expected to do their part it keeping it that way.

3. No physical or verbal violence: Physical assaults will result in immediate expulsion from the program. Verbal abuse to others in the program or to staff will result in a written warning or dismissal from the program. Property destruction will not be tolerated.

4. No unsafe people are allowed in the house. Residents are trusted with the confidentiality of the Engedi House location. Disclosure of the Engedi House location, or inviting an unknown person, or anyone associated with sex trafficking in any way, into the home will result in immediate expulsion from the program.

5. Communication safety is very important. During Phase 1, residents are required to refrain from using email, their personal cell phone, Facebook or other social media platforms. These are necessary safety precautions for our residents.

6. Cleaning assignments: Every resident is expected to do their part in maintaining a clean and orderly home environment, and participate in weekly household chores.

7. Suitable clothing is required in the house. Participants are asked to cover themselves modestly in the common areas.

8. All prescription medications and over the counter meds & supplements must be kept safely in the House Manager's office.

9. No visitors are allowed at Engedi House without the express permission and foreknowledge of Engedi staff.

10. All outings with visitors must be approved by the House Manager and Engedi staff, and arrangements made in advance.

11. House Meetings: Every resident is an important member of the community living at Engedi House, and is required to participate in the weekly 'house meeting'.

12. Personal Space: Residents are required to manage their rooms and possessions well. Weekly room inspections are expected.

13. Smoking and vaping is allowed in outside areas only. Smoking inside or rolling your own cigarettes is not allowed.

14. Sobriety is vital for every resident's success in the program. There will be random drug and alcohol tests, and testing will be done after a resident has returned from an overnight visit or other extended time away.

15. Leaving & Luggage: When a participant is asked to leave the program or chooses to leave the program, she is responsible for packing and moving her own belongings. If the participant leaves without her belongings, the room will be packed for her. Arrangements will have to be made to pick up the belongings. Anything not picked up after 2 weeks will be disposed of.

16. Fair Treatment & Safety: Every resident is empowered and encouraged to care for her own safety and well-being. Every resident has access to a common emergency phone at Engedi House with which to call local authorities (911) or members of the Engedi staff at any time. If a resident feels she has been treated unfairly in the program, she may discuss it at any time with staff members.

17. Personal Vehicles: Any resident that comes with their own vehicle will be required to refrain from using it for their own transportation, and it can be stored safely at the Engedi Learning Center until the end of their Phase 1 program.