

# Rules and Admission Policy for Guests

The following rules are for anyone staying as part of the overnight shelter program. Rules are for everyone's safety, comfort and dignity. Any violation of these rules may result in termination of your participation in the program.

## **Guest Admission Policy:**

- **No one younger than 18 years of age will be admitted into the shelter as an overnight guest.**  
Alternate shelter options for minors is through:
  - Staircase Youth Services (231) 843-3200, or (888) 267-6087. If no assistance is available through Staircase or the minor refuses assistance,
  - Call 911. The local authorities will then take over.
- Individuals listed on the MSP Sex Offender Registry will be allowed to stay at all of the shelter locations if they are registered as homeless. If they are not registered as homeless, the guest will have three business days to register as homeless and show proof of registration in order to continue their stay at the shelter.
- If the sheltering church is within a school Safe Zone, individuals listed on the MSP Sex Offender Registry will be required to stay inside the shelter until the area school(s) are in session, and will be dismissed 15 minutes after the school's start time. (Shelter Coordinator has a schedule of school start times)
- Guests are required to:
  - Complete and sign the Guest Intake, Guest Disclosure & HARA forms,
  - Read and agree to Hospitality Shelter Rules,
  - Sign the guest register,
  - Submit to bag searches,
  - Turn over non-urgent medications and all weapons, and
  - Attend the Family Gathering.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary action and may result in expulsion from the shelter.