

## STATE MANAGED SHELTER RULES AND GUIDELINES

### CAUTION AND RISKS:

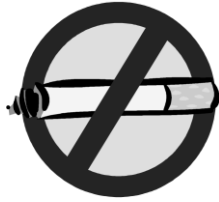
**The Virginia Department of Social Services does not assume liability for the safety of you, your children, or your property. When you enter this shelter, you assume liability for you, your children, and your property. Please exercise caution at all times. This shelter is under the law enforcement jurisdiction of the State Police, however, there may not be a State Police Officer on the premises at all times.**

Please be aware that the Virginia Department of Social Services admits all persons who follow shelter protocols to be housed in its shelters. This means that there may be individuals who have been convicted of other violent crimes, sex offenses, or other felonies admitted to this shelter along with you. Be aware of your surroundings and supervise your children and your belongings at all times. **DO NOT LEAVE CHILDREN OF ANY AGE UNATTENDED OR WITH PERSONS WHOM YOU DO NOT KNOW.** The Department suggests that adults who enter the shelter together develop a system to maintain contact with one another and be aware of each other's location within the shelter as much as possible. Report any suspicious activity to any staff member at the shelter or call the State Police.

Any individual, child or adult, who violates shelter protocols will be asked to leave the shelter. If the individual refuses to leave, the State Police will be called to escort the individual off the shelter property. That individual will not be readmitted to the shelter.

According to Section 44-146.15(3) of the Code of Virginia, no weapons of any kind are permitted in the possession of any individual other than law enforcement officers while in the shelter.

**RULES:**



**NO SMOKING**

Smoking is permitted in designated areas outside of the shelter only.



**NO WEAPONS**

The possession of any type of weapon within the shelter is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, guns, knives, and any other item deemed a weapon by shelter security. Failure to comply with this rule may result in immediate eviction.



**NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**

The use of alcohol or any illegal drug while residing within the shelter may result in immediate eviction.



**USE OF ELECTRONICS**

Set all electronics to vibrate or silent mode.  
Take calls outside of the dormitory areas.  
Keep volumes low or use headphones.  
Be mindful of the content on your device.  
Do not take pictures of people without their permission.  
Use wi-fi at your own risk.



**REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS**

Any individual listed in the Virginia Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry, as defined by the Virginia Code, Chapter 9, who enters the shelter is required to notify the shelter management of his/her registry status