

Ventura County Sober Living Coalition

Pre – Inspection Check List

Homes are required to be fully prepared for their annual health, safety and management reviews. Please review the coalition membership requirements prior to the inspection. If the inspector has to re-inspect your home you are required to pay the inspector and additional \$50.00 each time he/she has to come out.

1. Every place in the home must be clean, neat, well maintained and free of pest infestation. No piles of newspaper, clothes or other stored materials in any location that could create a fire, health or safety hazard.
2. Kitchens must have sufficient refrigerators, stove and food storage space. The standard is at least one refrigerator for every four guests. Refrigerator thermometer reads 36-44 degrees and freezer 0 degrees.
3. Bathrooms must be clean and maintained. The standard is at least one bathroom for every six guests.
4. Smoke detectors are always working. Assure that there are smoke detectors in every sleeping room and hallways. Carbon Monoxide detectors appropriate for square footage.
5. Water heaters strapped in accordance with recommended earthquake safety code.
6. Wrench available in the vicinity of the gas shut off valve at the meter. (recommended)
7. Mounted 5 lb. fire extinguishers at 6-8 feet from stove and 4-6 feet from the floor. Assure that your fire extinguishers are current. At least 1 extinguisher on second floor hallway.
8. Property address on the front of the house clearly visible from the street. Two escape routes or devices for all second story sleeping rooms. Chain link escape ladders are available at home depot or other stores.
9. Posted home address, emergency and utility company's emergency phone numbers near each desk or wall phone available for guest. Post coalition grievance policy.
10. Safety disposal containers in smoking areas. For health and safety reasons no smoking or open flame in sleeping areas. (i.e.: no candles, sterno cans, portable gas cooking units.)
11. No more than two electrical appliances or equipment connected to an outlet. Multi connections must have a power strip with a circuit breaker. GFI plugs must be installed in bathroom and kitchen.
12. Head of House conducts a Health, Safety and Fire preventative inspection at each dwelling monthly and keeps a log of each inspection which will be made available to the inspector each year at time of renewal.
13. Copy of guest agreements and rules. Copy of insurance liability binder.
14. Monthly inspection by Head of House with a check list to ensure compliance of these requirements.