

Policy

Subject: Use of Common Rooms

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Effective Date: November 2, 2023

Approved by: NCHC Board of Directors

Reviewed by: NCHC General Manager

Purpose

To ensure that common rooms in Northumberland County Housing Corporation (“NCHC”) buildings are used to promote healthy and socially inclusive relationships. Common rooms are available for all tenants and their guests to use for meetings and recreational activities.

To comply with the applicable legislation (e.g. Fire Code), there shall be a limit on the number of people allowed to use a common room at any one time, which will be posted in each respective common room.

Policy

1. Drinking alcohol and smoking are strictly prohibited in all common rooms.
2. Tenants and their guests are expected to be respectful and considerate towards others at all times. Inappropriate behavior, including excessive noise or use of profanity, is not permitted.
3. The facilities are to be left in a clean and orderly condition.
4. No sprays, aerosols or powders (e.g. perfumes, lotion and soaps that may affect other people’s health) can be used in any common rooms.

5. Tenants are responsible for their guests. A tenant with a guest who does not follow common room policies may receive notification that their guest is no longer permitted in the common room. Serious infractions by a guest may result in proceedings against the tenant at the Landlord Tenant Board, where appropriate and permissible under the *Residential Tenancies Act*.
6. Pets are not permitted in common rooms. Exceptions will be made for service animals in consultation with housing caseworkers.
7. Blocking/reserving common rooms for personal use or parties is not permitted.
8. Common rooms cannot be used to store personal items, including but not limited to motorized scooters, bicycles and tricycles. If personal items are left in a common room, they may be disposed of and chargebacks may be applied.

Violation of this policy may result in a tenant being banned from a common room and/or an application to end the tenancy through the Landlord and Tenant Board.

Repealed Policy

N/A.

Legislative Authority

O. Reg 350/06 Building Code, Article 3.1.17.1.

If there are any questions, contact the Northumberland County Housing Corporation at 905-372-3329.