



Drugs Policy

Information for tenants

Stonewall Housing recognises that a proportion of service users will have some involvement with drugs. Stonewall Housing neither condones nor approves of the use of drugs, however Stonewall Housing will not tolerate the use, possession or supply of drugs on any premises that it manages.

Stonewall Housing will seek to work with service users to promote their wellbeing and reduce harm. In order to do this Stonewall Housing will offer a service that is accessible to drug users, and will seek to avoid excluding drug-using clients where possible.

Whilst wishing to provide an accessible and inclusive service to people who use drugs, Stonewall Housing also recognises that it has other duties and obligations including:

- An obligation to work within the law
- A duty to provide a safe environment for all staff and volunteers
- A duty to provide a safe environment for all service users, including non-users
- A duty to work with and be sensitive to the local community.

Stonewall Housing's Drug Policy aims to protect the rights and safety of service users and staff. A full copy of this Policy is available on request.

If you do use drugs we will still work with you. If you are not sure what the rules mean to you, please discuss them with your support worker. You may ask your support worker for information on any drug.

Stonewall Housing staff have a legal obligation to prevent certain drug related activities from occurring in the housing schemes. Stonewall Housing will take action under the Drug Policy when we have concerns about drug related activity both on or near our housing schemes. This includes the entire building, and the area around it. Drug related activity in the neighbourhood around a building threatens the future of the organisation, and we will always take action when we become aware of such activity.

Whilst you are a tenant with Stonewall Housing you must abide by the following rules:

- Stonewall Housing has a zero tolerance of illegal drugs on its premises. The use or possession of any illegal drug is forbidden on any property.
- If you supply any illegal drug from a property the police will be contacted.
- If you are being prescribed a controlled drug such as methadone, any prescribed medicine or any legal over-the-counter medicine then we ask that you let your support worker know. You must always keep such medicine either on your person or securely stored in your room. No prescribed drug or medicine or any legal over-the-counter medicine should ever be left in a communal area.
- Staff will not hold or administer medication or other legal drug.
- The use of drugs such as Qat, solvents, amyl and butyl nitrates are not allowed in shared or communal areas. The supply of these drugs may be a criminal offence.
- If you use injecting equipment please let your support worker know so that a sharps bin can be supplied. The unsafe disposal of items such as needles will be treated as a serious breach of the drugs policy.
- You are also required to abide by any drug policy of the partner housing association for the house that you are accommodated in such as Circle 33, Mosaic and London & Quadrant.

If you choose to ignore these rules it may result in the police being notified and/or a Notice of Seeking Possession being served.

I,, have read and understand this drug policy and agree to abide by the above rules whilst a tenant with Stonewall Housing. I understand that I may request at any time a copy of stonewall Housing's full Drug Policy.

Signed (Tenant):

Date:

Signed (SHO):

Date:

(Copy to tenant, original to kept in tenant's file)