

STEP 2: RAMOTH APARTMENT EXPECTATIONS

I _____, understand that living in the Step 2 Apartments with my child(ren) is another step that I am choosing to make to invest in my family's future. I recognize that while I will be living independently, I am still participating in the Ramoth Program of Care and the purpose of my time in the Step 2 program is to create stability for my family and transition to independence - build my own daily family routines, maintain a healthy and safe home environment, learn new skills (through employment, education or volunteering), foster healthy relationships, build community support networks, establish financial stability and continue to develop positive parenting patterns that nurture healthy attachments with my child(ren). As such, I commit to follow the expectations that are set out below for me:

1. Follow all Ramoth Apartments guidelines, agreements, contracts and schedules including applicable Ramoth House guidelines.
2. Residents are required to pay a \$250.00 security deposit upon acceptance in the program.
3. An Occupancy fee of \$600.00 will be paid on the first of each month.
4. Violent acts, abusive language or threats of intimidation will not be permitted anywhere on Ramoth properties.
5. Illegal substances or weapons will not be harbored, stored or used in the Ramoth Apartments or anywhere on Ramoth Life Centre Property.
6. Criminal activity, acts of vandalism, use/possession of alcohol or use/possession of drugs will not be permitted in the Apartments or anywhere on Ramoth Life Centre property.
7. Being under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol while on the property of Ramoth Life Centre and/or while your child is in your care is not permitted.
8. Keep curfews (to be in your own apartment):
Sunday - Thursday 10 pm – 6:00 am and Friday & Saturday 12 am – 6:00 am
9. Develop and maintain my Stepping Stones Plan - a contract that outlines the goals, activities/programs and conditions developed by the resident in partnership with the Ramoth staff.
10. Missed appointments (medical, Ontario Works, school, employment, F&CS etc.) should be immediately reported to the Ramoth House Director and/or the Independent Living

Coordinator advising why the appointment was missed.

11. Overnight absences require an Overnight Form to be filled out for safety reasons. Submit the form to the Independent Living Coordinator one week prior to expected departure (if not submitted a week in advance, there will be no visit). Please take into consideration any programming that you have when planning overnights to ensure you are able to attend all scheduled appointments.
12. All visitors need to be screened and approved following the Visitor Criteria process before visiting you in your apartment. See the Ramoth Apartment Handbook for more details on visitor expectations.
13. No painting, no nail/tacks/screw holes, use of tape or any other adhesive may be added to the existing interior of the Apartment.
14. All residents shall adhere to a reasonable standard of cleanliness and safety inside and outside her apartment and meet standards as outlined in the Ramoth Apartments Home Maintenance Expectations Guide.
15. Neither the resident nor her visitors shall make or allow any improper noise or play loud music in her apartment or on premises associated with Ramoth Life Centre. She will not permit anything which will annoy, disturb or interfere in any way with the comfort of the other residents or community neighbors.
16. No smoking is permitted in the Ramoth Apartment building. Smoking is only permitted in the designated area shared by Step 1 and Step 2 residents.
17. No open flame objects (candles, incense, lanterns) are allowed to be used inside or outside the Ramoth Apartments.
18. No pets of any kind are permitted in the Apartments or on the Ramoth properties.
19. When leaving Ramoth Apartments, you are responsible for packing and removing your personal belongings from your apartment by the last day of your stay. Ramoth House will dispose of any items left at the Apartment after 24 hours. Failure to remove all of your personal belongings from the apartment will result in the loss of your security deposit.

Child(ren) Safety:

1. We strongly recommend that your child(ren) not sleep/lay with you in your bed but in his/her own crib.
2. We strongly recommend infants sleep on their backs with only a crib sheet and a light blanket

if necessary.

3. When a baby is in a car seat, infant seat, high chair or stroller we strongly recommend the child must be securely buckled in at **all** times.
4. Mothers are responsible to ensure that areas accessible to children are safety-proofed including but not limited to cribs, playpens, floors, stair access, outlets and anything within a child's reach.
5. We do not recommend that you leave your baby alone while going outside or to another apartment.
6. We strongly recommend finding licensed child care providers to care for your child when you are pursuing school, employment or volunteer opportunities.

Reasons for Discharge from the Step 2 program:

1. Breaking the above expectations.
2. Causing harm to yourself, baby, residents and staff.
3. Not respecting the staff and volunteers of Ramoth Life Centre.
4. Failure to pay your Occupancy Fees.
5. Repeated failure to maintain the required cleanliness level.
6. Smoking in your apartment or on the balcony.
7. Having overnight guests, males and/or sexual partners and non-approved visitors in your apartment.
8. Failure to implement an appropriate Stepping Stones Plan will result in a review of the Occupancy Agreement, potential termination of the Occupancy Agreement and discharge from the Ramoth program.
9. A pattern of missed appointments (medical, Ontario Works, F&CS, school, employment etc.) may result in a warning and/or discharge from the program.

Resident Signature

Date