



## HFS Shelters' Daytime Access Policy

### GENERAL PRINCIPLE

To ensure access to sleeping areas for certain residents during the day.

### Policy:

Homes First shelters have dorm hours during which time residents are asked to leave the sleeping areas. During these hours, residents have access to all other common areas, including the dining room and other program spaces.

Homes First shelters will allow access to sleeping areas for residents who: work overnight shifts, including sex work; are ill but not in need of medical care; or require daytime access as part of their service plan. Homes First staff and site supervisors may request that a resident who is ill and requesting daytime access to a sleeping area produce a note from the resident's physician. Medical notes requesting bed rest will be reviewed by the supervisor and resident on a bi-weekly basis to ensure the resident's health needs are being fully addressed.

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- As per Toronto Shelter Standards, 2016: Sections 8.3.6(a)(i).
  - Created on February 22, 2017.
  - Approved by HFS Governance and Nominating Committee on February 25, 2017; to be reviewed in 2022.
  - Approved by HFS Board of Directors on March 28, 2017.
  - This Policy applies to all Homes First Society's Shelters.