

**ENSLEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WOMEN AND CHILDREN COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

Guest Shelter Rules

Welcome to Ensley First Baptist Church Cold Weather Shelter for Women and Children! We trust your stay here will be SAFE and COMFORTABLE. In order to make sure everyone has a positive experience, we ask that you follow these rules. The shelter is for **women and children only- who are homeless/heatless, can care for themselves and children, and are not at risk to themselves or others.** *We reserve the right at any time to search your belongings.*

1. Physical attacks in any form against other guests, children, shelter staff, and volunteers are not allowed. Discipline of children must be non-violent.
2. Verbal attacks such as yelling, using obscene language, or making mean comments to children, guests, and shelter staff is not allowed.
3. Weapons are not allowed in the shelter or on EFBC property. All knives are considered weapons and must be given to shelter staff for safe keeping for the night. Any gun will be given to the police.
4. Alcohol or illegal drugs cannot be brought into the shelter or shelter property. If found; they will be taken and not returned. The police will be called if illegal drugs are suspected.
5. Please respect and follow the instructions of all staff and volunteers. If a guest is asked to leave the shelter for violating shelter rules and refuses, the police will be called.
6. NO SMOKING in the shelter. Smoking breaks are allowed outside the shelter with a designated volunteer. Smoking is only permitted at the designated area around 7:15, 8:15, 9:15PM, and 6AM only. Guests may not leave the EFBC campus during the 10 minute smoke break. If a guest leaves the EFBC campus during a smoke break, they will not be permitted back into the shelter. Cigarette butts will be placed in the sand bucket only. NO SMOKING WITHIN 10 FEET OF THE ENTRANCE. If you are up before 6AM and choose to leave the shelter to smoke, you will not be permitted back in until the next night for an open shelter.
7. No visitors or romantic activity allowed. Please respect the needs of other guests for quiet and privacy. Lights are out in the sleeping area at 10PM and on at 6AM.

IF RULES 1-7 ARE BROKEN, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE SHELTER PROPERTY UNTIL THE EFBC PASTOR AND STAFF MEET ON SUNDAYS.

8. You must be in by 830PM each night, and leave the church property entirely by 7AM in the morning, going back into the community. No leaving and coming back.
9. No belongings can be left out on a cot or on EFBC property. EFBC is not responsible for anything left at the shelter. Take all your belongings with you.
10. Any shelter guest who parks their vehicle in the EFBC parking lot must register the vehicle with the shelter.

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11. No person will be admitted to the shelter that is under the influence of drugs or alcohol to the point that she is unaware of her surroundings, or is unable to walk unaided.

12. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the shelter, including to the bathrooms, showers, and dining area.

By signing below I agree to adhere to all posted rules and the direction of the EFBC CWS staff. If I fail to follow these guidelines or these directions of the EFBC CWS staff, I forfeit the right to the CWS and resources.

Signature _____ **Date** _____