

STOUGHTON AREA SENIOR CENTER **INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR**

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The Stoughton Area Senior Center is a friendly and inviting place for older adults. Behavior which inhibits older adults from using and enjoying the Center is inappropriate and may result in the loss of Senior Center privileges. This policy provides reasonable rules of behaviors, and is enforced for the benefit of all participants.

EXAMPLES OF INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Inappropriate behavior includes any behavior which is disruptive to participants or staff at the Senior Center, including:

- Violation of posted "Senior Center Rules of Participation"
- Offensive, shouting or loud discourse;
- Threatening or intimidating behavior or language;
- Offensive hygiene
- Stealing or damaging Center property;
- Solicitation or selling without prior permission by the Director.
- Any crime, misdemeanor or violation of City Ordinance

PROCEDURES

Concerns about inappropriate behavior should be channeled to the Director of the Center. The Director (or designee) shall take appropriate action under this policy statement.

Any staff member may request that inappropriate behavior cease. If the inappropriate behavior continues, the Director (or designee) may request that the individual leave the building and tell the offender that the police will be called if he/she does not leave at once. If the individual refuses to leave, the police shall be called.

The police will be called in an emergency situation. An emergency situation is any situation in which an individual's actions is perceived to present an imminent danger to the life or safety of himself/herself or others. Such incidents include assault and other crimes of violence or misdemeanors, or the threat of attempt to commit such crimes.

LOSS OF CENTER PRIVILEGES

After consultation with staff and the individual, the Director may determine that the privilege to attend the Senior Center will be revoked. If restrictions are warranted, the Director shall provide a letter to the individual restricting attendance at the Center for a specified period of time. Additional violations may result in police intervention.

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