



Senior Citizen Programming: Standards of Independence and Behavior

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As a participant of the programs and services offered by the Derry Parks & Recreation Department, I understand it's a privilege to partake in public programming. I respect and recognize that policies and procedures have been developed to help ensure a fair and safe operation for all involved.

Participants of Derry Parks & Recreation Department Senior Citizen Programming are expected to abide by the following:

1. **Senior Citizen Activity Waiver:** Provide the staff with a senior citizen activity waiver yearly.
2. **Medical Emergency:** If a participant experiences a medical problem while on the premises, please inform an employee immediately. It's expected that the participant will follow the recommendation to seek appropriate medical care. An AED is located at Veterans Hall in case of a cardiac emergency.
3. **Alcohol and Smoking Policy:** Smoking, drinking alcohol, or using illegal substances on the premises is prohibited. Any participant who attends any program or facility while inebriated could face immediate suspension from future programming and legal charges.
4. **Personal Care & Health Care:** Participants are expected to be responsible for their own personal health and medical care. Employees aren't responsible for providing assistance with medication and other personal health and medical care. In addition, participants are expected to provide their own personal care including but not limited to, hygiene, toileting, and feeding.
5. **Independence:** Participants are expected to be reasonably oriented, capable of independent decision making, and capable of planning their own activities. (i.e. transportation, lunch, and Center activities.)
6. **Respect:** Participants are expected to avoid causing disturbances or disruptions and to be respectful of other participants. Participants must also show respect for customers, staff, facilities, and the personal property of others. Statements regarding race, ethnicity, religion, or life style will not be tolerated.
7. **Violence:** Aggressive behavior, violence, or threats of violence will be taken seriously and are not tolerated. Such behavior will result in being asked to leave immediately and/or be subject to permanent suspension of privileges and/or legal consequences.
8. **Dress Code:** Proper attire is required (shoe, shirt, and pants) at all times.
9. **Personal Property:** Storage of personal belongings is not permitted. All participants are required to leave the areas they have been using (i.e. activity rooms, exercise rooms and equipment, bathroom, cafeteria) in a clean state. Touching or removing personal articles of other participants is not permitted.
10. **Personal Conduct:** If any inappropriate behavior is witnessed or reported, the staff will use discretion to take corrective action, i.e.: ask the participant to cease from the inappropriate behavior, or if necessary, contact the police, ambulance, or emergency contact person. Repeated violations may result in the participant being asked to leave for temporary or permanent suspension of privileges.