

**BROOKLINE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD POLICY
ON ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY
AND VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**

**ILLEGAL DRUG ACTIVITY, VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AND ILLEGAL
POSSESSION OF GUNS ON OR NEAR BROOKLINE HOUSING AUTHORITY
PROPERTY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

**THE AUTHORITY WILL MOVE TO EVICT IMMEDIATELY ANY RESIDENT
HOUSEHOLD WHERE A MEMBER OR A GUEST COMMITS A DRUG RELATED
CRIME, OR COMMITS A VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, OR IS ILLEGALLY IN
POSSESSION OF GUNS ON OR NEAR BROOKLINE HOUSING AUTHORITY
PROPERTY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOLS AND PARKS,
WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

Under the terms of their lease, Brookline Housing Authority leaseholders are responsible to insure that all household members and guests comply with their lease and commit no drug or violent criminal activity, and do not illegally possess firearms, on or near Brookline Housing Authority property. Leaseholders should affirmatively supervise and monitor the conduct of all household members and their guests. Parents of minor children should be on notice that they should take active responsibility in informing themselves of and addressing their children's behavior. A leaseholder who takes no steps to control the conduct of household members, or guests, or who ignores or attempts to remain ignorant of illegal activity, places the entire household at risk of eviction.

Repeated serious incidents of domestic violence will be considered grounds for eviction where the victim fails to take necessary steps to attempt to bar the offender from the household and property of the Brookline Housing Authority.

It is the policy of the Brookline Housing Authority to seek a court order barring individuals who have been charged with drug or violent criminal activity on or near Brookline Housing Authority property from its property after eviction as provided in M.G.L. c. 121B §32B-F.

The Brookline Housing Authority Board and staff is committed to doing everything possible within the law to assist Brookline Police in their anti-drug efforts. Regular communication between Authority staff and the Police will be maintained to assure that reports will be made on drug activity on or near Housing Authority property.

The Brookline Housing Authority will work cooperative with the Town of Brookline and the Brookline Housing Authority Resident Community to facilitate a program of drug education as well as enforcement, serving both residents and employees.

The education of the Brookline Housing Authority Resident Community about the dangers of drug abuse and the need to assist local drug enforcement efforts will be a vital aspect of the anti-drug program. The major components of the program include the following: (1) staff will encourage residents who have knowledge of illegal drug activity to contact police or their site managers with such information; (2) staff will assist tenant associations in setting up informational meetings on drug abuse prevention; (3) staff will encourage utilization of the Town's Drug and Alcohol Program and/or Brookline Community Mental Health Center's service; (4) staff will distribute drug hotline information and the Brookline Housing Authority Policy will be distributed to each resident at least once a year at recertification time. Such information shall also be posted in all Brookline Housing Authority management offices.

Continuing efforts will be made at each development to eliminate areas that might lend themselves to drug related activities. Conscious effort in this regard include: site work designed to eliminate youth groups from congregating in certain areas and renovations limiting access to basements.

I, the undersigned leaseholder, by signing this document, certify that I have read and understood this document.

LEASEHOLDER

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