

SAFE HOUSE
A new Sobering Center operated by HEPPAC on behalf of
Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

The Safe House Sobering Center is a safe, client-centered, intervention program designed for adult residents of Alameda County who are suffering from the debilitating effects of alcohol and substance overuse. Safe House provides a voluntary short-term (four to six hours) stay for 50 adult men and women in order to allow the effects of chemical intoxicants to subside and regain minimum levels of functionality.

Safe House operates 24 hours a day, seven (7) days per week. Pre-existing medical and/or mental health conditions do not preclude the client from Safe House triage screening. As this is a new service, we will implement a ramp-up process to insure safety of consumers and staff as we bring Safe House up to its capacity. **Incoming transport is provided by customized Emergency Medical Response vehicles, Law Enforcement, and eventually authorized CBOs and Safe House outreach vehicles. All consumers receiving services at Safe House will be transported out in Safe House departure vans. No walk-in (or out) will be allowed.**

Ultimate goal of the Safe House:

- Have a safe place for inebriates to “sleep it off”
- To offer a viable alternative for this particular population to County Law Enforcement
- To relieve Emergency Departments (medical and psychiatric) through-out the County of this serial inebriate population
- To reduce costs across the system of care by providing a safe clean, dignified environment for a very vulnerable population.

Phase I

- Emergency Medical Technicians and Safe House staff will transport clients from Highland, Alta Bates, and Summit Hospitals.

Each Phase below is in addition to the previous phase

Phase II

- Law Enforcement will transport consumers to the Safe House.

PHASE III

- Approved and authorized Community Base Organizations with appropriate transport services can drop-off, and later, pick-up consumers at Safe House.

PHASE VI

- Safe House staff, with EMT assistance, will conduct outreach in locations known to have potential Safe House consumers, and offer them the opportunity to visit the Safe House.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SAFE HOUSE AND THESE NEW SERVICES, PLEASE CALL SAFE HOUSE AT (510) 346-7851