

Lima Rescue Mission Overnight Shelter Rules and Guidelines

Lima Rescue Mission's overnight shelter is a temporary facility with the purpose of providing homeless men a place to stay while making positive changes in their life, and working toward securing a job and more permanent living quarters. Lima Rescue Mission is a privately operated facility and is not government funded.

In order to be eligible to stay in our overnight shelter:

- You must be a male age 21 or older.
- You must not be a registered sex offender. (*Legally we cannot make any exceptions.*)
- You must be able to follow direction of Mission staff and comply with rules and guidelines.
- You must be able to get along with others in close quarters using shared resources.
- You must be sober and not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol.
- You must be mentally stable and take any medication as prescribed.
- You must be physically able to take care of yourself.
- You may not have an income that would be sufficient to provide for your own housing.
- Anything you bring on to Mission property is subject to search.

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After you are first signed in, you will be scheduled for a mandatory intake interview with the Director of Men's Ministry. During the interview, you will be able to share more about your current needs, and we will share our expectations, procedures for staying, and what services are available.

Check-in is at 7 PM, and a mandatory chapel service is held at that time. Anyone who leaves the building after check-in will not be able to re-enter that night. If you are working and need to come in at a later time, please see our staff for approval. You will need to provide proof of the hours you are working.

Wake up is at 6 AM and breakfast is served at 6:45 AM. The building and adjacent properties are to be vacated each day after breakfast until 4:30 PM. Waiting areas may be left open during the day on Sunday, holidays, and during inclement weather as determined by staff.

Supper is served at 5 PM after a short devotional in the chapel.

We provide a storage container, and all items that you do not take with you each day must be stored in the container and not left loose on beds or other areas.

Your stay in our overnight shelter is on a night to night basis. The amount of time you will be allowed to stay is determined on an individual basis. Level of need, attitude and behavior, willingness to make changes and showing progress toward goals are all factors that are considered.

You will be required to earn a minimum amount of "points" in a month to be eligible to stay the next month. Points are earned by attending classes, either on site or approved off site classes, or by working and showing proof of your hours. Points can be used for laundry and other services. This will be explained in more detail during your intake interview.

We do not allow consumption or possession of alcohol, marijuana, or any drugs or intoxicating substances on Mission property. Anyone in possession of these items will be asked to leave. Anyone who is intoxicated not be allowed to stay.

No weapons or anything our staff determines may be used as a weapon will be allowed.

Our staff will explain all rules and guidelines in detail when you are first signed in.