

Recovery Residences Fact Sheet

What are recovery residences?

Recovery residences, sometimes called 'sober living homes,' are safe, drug-free places where people live while recovering from substance use. They offer support, structure, and a stable environment to help residents stay on track.

Do recovery residences need to be certified?

In Lexington, recovery homes must be certified by an agency approved by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Approved agencies include the Kentucky Recovery Housing Network (KYARR), the National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR), and Oxford House, Inc.

What happens if a recovery residence is not certified?

If a recovery home doesn't have certification or follow the rules, it may be breaking the law. Examples of rule-breaking, or noncompliance, include:

- Using drugs or alcohol at the residence
- Unsafe living conditions
- Harassment, threats, or violence
- Operating without the proper certification or license

How to report issues at recovery residences?

Operating Without Certification

If you suspect there is a recovery residence that is operating without or not following the conditions of the required license or certification, file a grievance with the certifying agency. The agency will investigate and will notify the appropriate city authority. You can file a grievance at www.kyarr.org/file-a-grievance/.

When to Alert Law Enforcement

Call 911 if you observe a safety threat that requires an immediate response from police, fire, or EMS.

Call (859) 258-3600 for Lexington Police's non-emergency line if you've observed concerning behavior that warrants police awareness but not immediate action.

If You Suspect Other Concerns

To report other concerns such as over occupancy, building code violations, trash complaints, etc, contact **LexCall 311** by calling 311 or submitting a service request online at www.lexingtonky.gov/living/lexcall-311/lexcall-311-service-request.