



ODYSSEY HOUSE
VICTORIA

Odyssey House Victoria Residential Rehabilitation Admission Process

Before attending Odyssey House Victoria's residential rehabilitation program (Therapeutic Community) in Melbourne, participants are first required to attend an information session. These are held on a weekly basis at our Richmond office. Phone (03) 9420 7600 for the day and time of the next session.

Following the information session, participants book in for an assessment. If suitable for the program, participants will be offered an admission date when a place becomes available.

What to expect on Admission Day!

On admission day all clients must be at 660 Bridge Rd Richmond by 10am

You will be refused admission if you:

- Arrive after 10.30am
- Are under the influence of ANY substance
- Have not completely detoxed

On admission day, you must present with the following:

1. Three forms of identification. Examples of acceptable ID include:
 - Health Care/Pension Card
 - Drivers License
 - Birth Certificate or extract
 - Keycard/bank account details
 - Centrelink letters
 - Utility letters or bills (for ID purpose only)
 - Court letters/charge sheets
2. Medicare Card (not just the number)

3. Any relevant legal papers concerning pending court matters
4. Current bank balance – ATM slip is fine
5. Methadone/Suboxone script and photo (if applicable)
6. At least 2 days medication in its box or Webster pack. Current medication scripts

On admission day, the following will take place:

- Your luggage will be searched by senior residents or by staff. You are free to observe this process.
- You will complete your admission paperwork with staff. You will give them your ID, court papers, methadone/suboxone scripts, and any other medication and scripts.
- Two senior residents or staff of the same sex as yourself will search the clothing you are wearing.
- You will be showered and searched when you arrive at the house.

Important things to know for Admission Day

- Admission can take several hours – make sure that you have had breakfast.
- If you smoke, bring enough cigarettes for admission day only (no rolling tobacco). Bring a cigarette lighter.
- Once you and your belongings have been searched you are not permitted to leave the premises.
- Upon completion of the searches and paperwork, the senior residents will drive you out to the house to begin your residential program.
- *Remember, you must be completely detoxed, and any drug or alcohol use on admission day will result in no admission.*

Permitted Items for Admission

- **Up to 42 items of clothing** – this does not include underwear, socks and shoes. (Reasonable amounts of these will be accepted). Include clothes for working outside, and for playing sport. Clothing with drug or alcohol references or offensive slogans will not be permitted. Please ensure that all clothing has been washed and dried.
- A watch and basic jewellery.
- Toiletries – Must still be in packaging or searchable. Odyssey provides all your basic toiletries; however, you may bring your own deodorant, toothbrush, shaving cream, cleanser etc. Do not bring toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo or conditioner

- Brush, comb, hair accessories, make-up (a limited amount). A haircut prior to admission is also recommended, as you won't be able to get one in the Genesis stage of the program.
- Towel – we provide one, but an extra towel is useful. A beach towel is suggested.
- Hat and sunglasses for working outside.
- Hobbies:
 - Up to 6 books (anything with drug, alcohol or criminal content will not be permitted (no True Crime or Rock Star biographies)
 - Up to 6 CD's (no burnt CDs)
 - Art and craft materials (a small amount)
- Personal Items: Photographs of family and friends are permitted if appropriate – no drinking or using, no pornography.
- Do not bring:
 - Electronic equipment
 - Valuable jewellery
 - Money

Personal business must be taken care of prior to admission – outstanding bills, loans, payments, storage, termination of leases, care of animals, car.

Do not bring excess property – we have no storage facilities, so will not store excess goods.

INFORMATION UPDATED AUGUST 2010 - If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call (03) 9420 7610.