

# NEEDHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

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## PROHIBITED RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT POLICY

### Purpose

This policy regulates the use of certain recreational equipment on the premises to ensure the safety, well-being, and harmonious living environment of all residents within the Needham Housing Authority.

### Scope

This policy applies to all residents, guests, and visitors within the Needham Housing Authority.

### Prohibited Items

#### 1. Swimming Pools

- **Policy:** The installation, use, and storage of swimming pools, including but not limited to inflatable, above-ground, and in-ground pools, are strictly prohibited on the premises.
- **Rationale:** Swimming pools pose significant safety hazards, including the risk of drowning, and require extensive maintenance and supervision that are not feasible within a communal living environment. Additionally, they can cause damage to the property and increase water usage.

#### 2. Swing Sets

- **Policy:** The installation, use, and storage of swing sets of any kind, including but not limited to metal, plastic, or wooden structures, are strictly prohibited on the premises.
- **Rationale:** Swing sets present serious safety risks, particularly to young children, and can cause damage to common areas and landscapes. They also require ongoing maintenance that is not supported by the authority's resources.

#### 3. Trampolines

- **Policy:** The installation, use, and storage of trampolines, including mini-trampolines and full-sized trampolines, are strictly prohibited on the premises.
- **Rationale:** Trampolines are associated with a high risk of injury, including falls and collisions. They also present potential liability issues for the housing complex.
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### Enforcement

- **Notification:** Residents found in violation of this policy will receive a written notice requiring the immediate removal of the prohibited item(s).
- **Compliance Period:** Residents will have seven (7) days from the date of the notice to comply with the removal request.
- **Penalties:** Failure to comply within the specified period may result in fines, penalties, or other disciplinary actions as outlined in the lease agreement and federal housing regulations.

**Resident Responsibilities**

- **Awareness:** It is the responsibility of all residents to be aware of and adhere to this policy.
- **Safety and Maintenance:** Residents are responsible for ensuring that their living spaces and surrounding areas are safe and free from unauthorized equipment.

**Compliance with Federal Regulations**

This policy is in accordance with federal housing regulations designed to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents. Non-compliance may result in enforcement actions as prescribed by federal housing guidelines.

**Conclusion**

This policy is implemented to maintain a safe, orderly, and enjoyable living environment for all residents. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in adhering to these regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact the office at 781-444-3011 or [office@needhamhousing.org](mailto:office@needhamhousing.org)

**Acknowledgment of Policy**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have read and understood the Prohibited Recreational Equipment Policy regarding the prohibition of swimming pools, swing sets, and trampolines. I agree to comply with this policy as a condition of my residency.

**Resident Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Management Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date Approved by NHA Commissioners 1/16/2025

Signature of Chair \_\_\_\_\_

