

SOS Policy Statement

The Safe Overnight Shelter program strives to create a safe place for a small number of houseless people to sleep. In so doing we recognize several important values. Among those are confidentiality, communication and flexibility. Through respect for our guests, our neighbors and our congregation a successful outcome can be achieved.

Communication

Please feel welcome to discuss any issues with your SOS contact.

Guests will be asked to notify a SOS team member when leaving the program or taking extended absences from their allocated space in the parking lot. *An SOS allocated space vacated for more than 72 hours may be given to a new applicant.* A vehicle left unoccupied more than 72 hours will be considered abandoned and may be towed.

Upon leaving the SOS program the guest(s) will be asked to assess the program's strengths and weaknesses.

During periods of extreme cold, warming shelters will be open in Clackamas County. Guests will be informed of their location and hours.

Guests are welcome to attend any KoK activities that are open to the public.

Guests wanting to access the church building at other times must be accompanied by a church member.

Confidentiality

Information about guests will not be released to anyone without that guest's permission and will be kept in a secure place within the church.

A confidential social needs interview will be arranged with guests by the Outreach representative from Providence Health and Services to determine what, if any, available programs/resources might be of benefit to them.

Flexibility

Because the SOS program is a pilot program, modifications in the program are to be expected. For instance, the hours a guest might have access to their parking space could be variable due to work schedule.