

Trespassing Policy

Purpose

UUCN is a downtown location. As such we do have people who may be seeking assistance from us. This policy sets forth how the church defines and will handle trespassing and by extension, loitering issues should they arise. Trespassing is defined as “the act of knowingly entering or remaining on another person’s property without permission or a valid reason to be on the property.”

Policy

It is the policy of UUCN to maintain a community open to all seekers of the public. However, when an individual’s actions are deemed to be harmful and/or disruptive to UUCN and/or its individual members; where the individual’s actions are harmful, disruptive, and/or contrary to UUCN’s policies, rules or regulations; or where the individual’s actions are contrary to law, a trespass warning may be given to that individual to maintain an environment free of those disruptive, harmful, and/or unlawful influences.

Procedures

1. If the staff member feels comfortable and the individual(s) aren’t exhibiting aggressive behavior, the staff member will talk with the individual(s) to ascertain if they may have needs UUCN can assist with. These would be akin to needing a food voucher or referrals/phone calls to local agencies that assist people in need (Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Greater Nashua Mental Health Center, Harbor Homes, etc). The staff member will offer appropriate resource(s) and then ask the individual(s) to please leave the property.
2. If an individual(s) reappears on the property a second time and the staff member feels comfortable approaching the individual(s) they will tell them they are trespassing and ask them to please leave and if they return again the police will be called.
3. If an individual(s) returns to the property after being asked to leave or the staff member feels their safety would be in jeopardy, the staff member shall call the Nashua Police (594-3500) ask them to remove the individual(s) from the property.