

## Protocol for HST Drop in Center

The Second floor of BMC Building at Vakola had a small space as visitors lounge and a small library since November 1995.

In Jan 2004, BMC allotted a huge open hall on the first floor of the same building.

In April 2004 this hall was inaugurated as the new Drop in center for community, fully furnished along with a home theatre system to give the place a homely look.

Once a community member / Drop in enters the HST Drop in center, the in charge welcomes the community member

Every new community member gets information about HST work from the D.I.C in charge

The HST Drop in center has developed a protocol of its Dos' and Don'ts at the D.I.C and the protocol has been developed in consultation with the community. The community has decided for itself the Do's and don't of the center. These dos' and Don'ts are developed with the aim of maintaining comfort ability, confidentiality, friendly environment and homely feeling in the premises.

The list of Dos' and Don'ts at HST Drop in center

Dos'	Don'ts
<p>HST has appointed a Drop in center in charge and a assistant specially to take care of the Drop-in center</p> <p>The Community member / drop ins are not required to give their real name, place of residence, place of work / job or any other personal information.</p> <p>Community members/ Drop in can ask the in charge to switch on the TV / music system.</p> <p>Community members / Drop in will help the in charge to maintain the premises clean and tide</p>	<p>No community members / drop in can ask for personal information about others</p> <p>No community member / Drop in will handle TV / music system.</p> <p>No community will throw garbage and will use dust bin, wash room in proper way.</p> <p>All the library books are to be handled properly; no books will be issued or given outside the premises.</p> <p>No community members / drop in will use abusing languages/words, show sexual gestures.</p>
Dos'	Don'ts
<p>Community members / drop in will help the in charge to maintain a friendly / homely environment inside the premises.</p>	<p>No Community member / drop in can ask any questions related to sexuality or HIV status of anyone at the center.</p>

<p>Community member / drop in can access the clinical facility for any general illness, STI examination and HIV testing.</p>	<p>No community member / drop in will be allowed to enter the premise under the influence of any intoxication / drugs / alcohol</p>
<p>Community members can access free condoms kept at Drop in Center, Counseling room and Clinic</p>	<p>No community member will smoke in the D.I.C.</p>
<p>Community members / drop in can access the face to face counseling, mental health counseling, lawyer support, nutritional counseling with an prior appointment with the concerned counseling.</p>	<p>No sexual contacts / transfer of the phone / cell number with the aim of sexual contacts will be made by any community member</p>
<p>Community members / drop in can access library which has books related to Homosexuality (Gay / Lesbianism) HIV/AIDS and STIs with the help of librarian</p>	<p>Community members / drop in will have vacate the D.I.C by 08:00PM except for specific reason like community events.</p>
<p>Community members can access games like Carom, Chess, Snakes and Ladder and some other on board games / in house games</p>	