

# Information for researchers coming to CHARS

## Acquiring permits

- Each research group is responsible for acquiring their own permits

## Transportation from the airport

- You can take a taxi from the airport to CHARS or make other arrangements. POLAR does not provide this service.

## Operations support

- Before going into the field, you must complete an orientation with the Field Operations team. This can be arranged at the Field Maintenance building.
- You must have a valid course certificate to operate CHARS vehicles.
- CHARS machines are not licensed and may only be used for research purposes on the land. They must not be used in the community.

## Accommodations

- There are two buildings with three separate units. Each unit has four bedrooms with bunk beds. Each unit has a fully equipped kitchen, a living room, bed sheets, pillows, towels, and a washing machine and dryer.
- Keys may be picked up and returned at the security desk in the Main Research Building (the side with the copper-coloured cladding)
- Rooms are assigned to accommodate all visiting researchers. Rooms that appear available may still be assigned to other incoming visitors. If you wish to change rooms, please contact research support by email: [researchsupport-soutienalarecherche@polar-polaire.gc.ca](mailto:researchsupport-soutienalarecherche@polar-polaire.gc.ca).
- You are responsible for buying your own food.
  - Grocery stores are open on weekdays from 10 am-7 pm and weekends from 10am-5pm. There are two grocery stores in town:
    - Northern Store
    - Ikaluktutiak Co-op
    - There is Kalgen's Dis & Dat Convenience store (open every day until 11 pm)
  - There are two restaurants:
    - Kugaak Café
    - Arctic Island Lodge.