

3. Rights and property of others, by demonstrating concern for them and asking first before borrowing or using items and property.
4. Discouraging bigotry, by striving to learn from and accept the inherent differences in people, ideas, and opinions which contribute to an academic community.
5. Keeping the living environment clean and attractive, knowing that such an environment is essential to positive physical, mental, and academic health.
6. Refraining from and discouraging all behaviors which threaten the freedom and respect all residents deserve, by challenging friends and neighbors within the housing community to abide by these fundamental expectations and personally confronting those who do violate them in an appropriate manner.

***Community Equality Principle***

Various cultural and ethnic groups compose the Utah State University Housing community. Residents are afforded unique and valuable opportunities to interact with a variety of people different from themselves. Housing and Dining Services is committed to respecting diversity and equality among its students and residents, seeking to:

1. Aid students in the enhancement of their cultural experiences.
2. Promote cultural acknowledgment among all religions, races, national origins, and ages.
3. Encourage respect for different abilities, sexual orientations, and genders.
4. Advance on-going resident consideration of their fellow student residents, as well as their shared values and common experiences.

***Safety and Anti-Violence Principle***

Housing and Dining Services is committed to creating a community free from violence by not condoning conduct which threatens or abuses the health, safety, and/or psychological well-being of any person on or within Housing property. Students are expected to behave in a manner which does not diminish the quality of life within their residential community and living/learning environment.

This includes, but is not limited to, physical assault, battery, sexual assault or harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, threats, reckless endangerment to others, intimidation, indecent exposure, etc., whether against other residents, family members, or visitors, and whether conducted in person, via telephone, by facsimile, or through computer transmissions.

\*Adapted from the Universities of Michigan, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

***Resident's Rights and Responsibilities***

Living on-campus provides opportunities and challenges associated with living in a community. Community responsibilities accompany group living situations such as cooperation, tolerance, and mutual respect. Establishing a supportive and positive residential environment means each individual must make occasional adjustments in personal habits, attitudes, and beliefs. This means exercising your rights within the confines of respecting and considering the rights of others. We encourage you to work toward developing responsible involvement in your community. These are some of your "rights" and "responsibilities:"

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to associate with whomever you please;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to accept all other residents for whom they are and where they are from. You have the responsibility to educate yourself on issues of diversity.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to a reasonably peaceful and quiet space in which you can read, study, and sleep;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to observe quiet hours, keep your stereo and your voice at a reasonable volume in Housing and remind others that you expect the same of them.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to personal privacy in the use of your room/apartment both in terms of space and time, and the right to be free of unwanted guests;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to inform your roommate(s) and neighbors of your wishes and preferences for hours of sleep, study, and visitation and to work through any differences that may arise in a peaceful and non-threatening manner.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to choose your means of recreation and relaxation;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to follow the laws, rules and regulations established to support the educational purposes of the University and to sustain a safe and comfortable living environment in Housing.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to confront behavior which infringes on your rights;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to examine your own behavior when confronted and work towards resolving conflicts peaceably.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to participate in programs and other community-building activities;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to get to know other members of your community and to attend all mandatory programs.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to the assistance of Housing and/or University personnel;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to notify staff of problems in a timely manner, and to cooperate in working to solve the problems.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to know what's OK and NOT OK in Housing;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to read information provided to you by Housing and Dining Services.

***Disciplinary Actions and Sanctions***

The Residence Life staff is primarily responsible for disciplinary actions undertaken within their respective Areas concerning violations of University and/or Housing rules and regulations. Each resident is expected to comply or cooperate with any authorized University official as requested, acting in the performance of their duties and within the scope of their authority. **Housing staff represents the University and are considered its agents and officials, with authority commensurate and necessary to accomplish a requested task or action.** Failure to comply with verbal and/or written instructions issued by Housing staff, or impeding their performance or duties, will be deemed a violation and could result in a \$100 fine. Such behavior can result in referral to higher-level campus administrators who have the authority to sanction the individual to University probation, or suspend any violator from the University, according to the University Student Code. **The University reserves the right to remove any resident or their guest from Housing when deemed necessary for the best interest of the University, resident, or community. Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) can be notified of action(s) being taken for those under 21 years of age. All notification will be handled by the Campus Judicial Officer.**