

Resident Rights and Responsibilities

Residents in university housing facilities possess specific individual and group rights while engaged in activities that are part of university life. With these rights, residents have reciprocal responsibilities to ensure the same rights for other residents. Housing and Residential Life staff will assist residents to learn these rights and responsibilities that are associated with community living and use them as a guide in making decisions concerning resident welfare and behavior. The following statements define minimal expectations of residents and their guests:

Residents have the right...

- To have reasonable access to their living accommodations based on a published schedule of occupancy.
- To live in a clean and secure environment.
- To facilities and programs that support the pursuit of academic success.
- To expect a regionally competitive price on housing accommodations and/or food service.
- To have access to written copies of university housing rules and regulations, or individual building policies that govern individual and group behavior.
- To the respect for and safety of personal property.
- To study without interruption or interference.
- To be free from unreasonable noise.
- To be free of intimidation or harassment.
- To express themselves freely within established guidelines.
- To expect enforcement of the housing agreement/contract.
- To have direct access to staff who provide assistance, guidance, and support as needed.
- To host guests within established guidelines.
- To receive equitable treatment when behavior is in question.
- To receive individual freedoms regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.
- To participate in resident governmental bodies and housing departmental committees.
- To have access to individual and group social, educational, and developmental opportunities in their living community.

Residents have the responsibility...

- To adhere to rules and regulations.
- To show proper University or State Identification when asked.
- To comply with reasonable requests made by staff, University officials, or fellow residents.
- To meet payment schedules for room, board, and other required fees.
- To sign in, monitor, and accept responsibility for the behavior of guests.
- To report violations of rules and regulations to appropriate staff.
- To respect the rights of others as stated above.
- To respect the diverse backgrounds and interests of those in the hall and university community.
- To treat others in a civil manner and manage conflict in a mature manner.
- To report broken items or damages to their living area
- To refrain from damaging or removing communal items.

Any abuse of these rights is subject to review and action according to the procedures outlined in the Community Living Guide for Residents and the Student Code of Conduct for Wayne State University.