

Community Accountability

The Assistant Dean of Students is responsible for all residential community regulations and policies. These regulations and policies are part of the **Housing License Agreement** between the University and the resident. Each resident should be familiar with these and other regulations that may be published later.

Each resident student is responsible for helping to maintain an acceptable residential environment, with the assistance of residence hall councils, community meetings, community compacts and residence hall staff. The residence halls help to round out the academic experience at GW by providing an atmosphere that can be academically as well as socially stimulating and supportive.

Violation of regulations will result in administrative and/or disciplinary action by the University through the Office of Student Judicial Services (SJS) or its designee. These Residential Community Conduct Guidelines and Administrative Policies (RCCGs) shall apply to all residential communities owned or leased by the University through GW Housing Programs, including residence halls and townhouses. It is expected that students living in other housing situations not owned or leased by the University will comply with laws, rules and regulations applicable to such housing. Failure to comply may at the discretion of the University result in disciplinary action. A student who is accused of being an accessory to a violation is subject to the same charges as the perpetrator of the violation. Disciplinary action could result in a range of sanctions including suspension or termination of the Housing License Agreement for the remainder of the current academic year and/or for an indefinite time period and/or revocation of the privilege to reside in University-owned/controlled housing for successive year(s).

Serious violations of regulations may result in the imposition of an interim removal from University Housing and/or suspension from the University, pending the outcome of a hearing. Violations of the "Code of Student Conduct" ("Code") in a residence hall may also lead to suspension or expulsion from the University.

Residential Community Conduct Guidelines

I. Community Standards

1. Conduct Guidelines

All University students are subject to the following conduct guidelines that are particularly applicable to conduct in the residence halls. A student's conduct at the University should always be governed by respect for the rights of others. The following types of conduct are unacceptable:

A. Depriving Others of Their Rights

Students are free to express themselves in a responsible manner. Such expression is unacceptable when the expression impinges on the rights of others, or when it disrupts administrative activities or approved programs or events. A roommate who subjects others in the room to systematic stress and harassment will be subject to disciplinary action. In cases where it becomes clear that roommates have irreconcilable differences, an immediate administrative move of some or all parties may be made in addition to possible disciplinary action.

B. Damaging Another Person's Property or University Property

In instances where damage to property occurs (including littering and defacement of property with graffiti), the student causing the damage will be expected to compensate the owner for the loss of the property and will be subject to disciplinary action. When University property is damaged, the student will be required to make restitution regardless of further disciplinary action. Students of residence hall rooms will be held responsible for damage to the room and/or furnishings. Repair of GW property will be completed by The George Washington University or a contractor selected by the University. Students are not permitted to make repairs themselves or contract the repair work..

C. Verbal Abuse

Verbal abuse, threat of force or intimidation of others is unacceptable and is subject to disciplinary action.