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Housing and Residential Communities Community Living Standards

There are four Community Living Standards that residents are expected to uphold while living in campus housing. The Community Living Standards are broken down into more specific Residence Hall Policies.

These Community Living Standards were developed to help provide a safe and secure community. Violations that compromise the safety and security of residents may result in appropriate disciplinary sanctions, including up to contract termination.

I. Intellectual Environment

You are responsible for creating an environment that promotes the academic mission of the university. This includes upholding the noise and visitation policies in the residence halls, and being held responsible for your visitors and guests' behavior.

1. – Responsibility for the behavior of guests or visitors
2. – Violation of Residence Hall visitation policies
3. – Creating excessive noise in a residence hall; not upholding 24 hour courtesy hours
4. – Use of amplified instruments in a residence hall room
5. – Placement of sound equipment or speakers in windows
6. – Playing of sports games in hallways or balconies, including but not limited to basketball, bicycle riding, Frisbee, skate boarding, football throwing, running, squirt gun/water fights
7. - Gambling in or adjacent to a residence hall
8. - Sponsoring raffles or pools in a residence hall
9. - Violation of campus solicitation policy

II. Facility Issues

You are responsible for promoting a clean and well-maintained living environment. It is expected that students will not damage or vandalize university property or remove property from its designated location in the residence halls. You are responsible for promoting and maintaining a safe and secure environment in the residence halls. It is expected that you will not prop open doors or allow unescorted guests into the residence halls and adhere to fire safety guidelines.

- 2.1 – Possession of common area furniture in a residence hall room
- 2.2 – Removal of residence hall furniture
- 2.3 – Damage or vandalism to university owned furniture or property
- 2.4 – Theft of university owned furniture or property
- 2.5 – Illegal installation of air conditioners, ceiling fans, wall shelves, or hanging lamps in a residence hall room
- 2.6 – Painting of a residence hall room without prior approval
- 2.7 – Hanging of flags, banners, or signs out of residence hall windows
- 2.8 – Failure to remove trash and/or recycling to designated trash container
- 2.9 – Posting materials on outside of room door or in hallway with the intent to harm or incite others
- 2.10 – Construction of a loft in a residence hall where lofts are not permitted

- 2.11 – Smoking in a non-designated area in or adjacent to a residence hall
- 2.12 – Parking or storing a bike, motorcycle, or moped in an unauthorized area, including but not limited to stairwells, hallways, lounges, balconies, trees, plants, public seating fixtures, sign posts, or electrical fixtures
- 2.13 – Possession of pet, except for freshwater fish and service animals for persons with a disability
- 2.14 – Attempting to gain access or trespassing in a residence hall when closed for break periods
- 2.15 – Illegal room change
- 2.16 – Running a business out of a residence hall room
- 2.17 – Posting materials on bulletin boards or other common spaces without approval
- 2.18 – Posting flammable materials covering more than one third of total surface of the outside of a residence hall room door
- 2.19 – Hanging of beads, tapestries, flags, banners, flags, sheets, or other items in a manner that blocks egress from the inside of a residence hall room
- 2.20 – Failure to evacuate a residence hall during a planned fire drill or activated fire alarm
- 2.21 – Interference with or non-adherence to emergency evacuation procedures in a residence hall
- 2.22 – Activating a fire alarm or smoke detector in a residence hall without due cause, or falsely reporting a fire emergency to police, fire, or residence staff
- 2.23 – Tampering with pull stations, smoke or heat detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads, or other life safety equipment
- 2.24 – More than three times the designed occupancy in a residence hall room
- 2.25 – Delivering, surrendering, or otherwise relinquishing possession of room or outside keys to an individual, or permitting the keys to be duplicated or modified
- 2.26 – Failure to report lost or stolen keys
- 2.27 – Use of non-approved appliances in a residence hall room
- 2.28 – Throwing objects from windows or balconies
- 2.29 – Hanging outside of or climbing from windows or balconies
- 2.30 – Climbing on or repelling from exterior of buildings
- 2.31 – Intentionally removing screens from windows
- 2.32 Possession of open element appliances, candle(s), or other items that create an open flame
- 2.33- Possession of prohibited items that endanger the health and safety of the community

III. Civility

You are responsible for respecting the rights of all others in the residence hall community, and to act with civility at all times. Fighting, threats, and intimidation of any person for any reason will not be tolerated. You are responsible for developing and maintaining an atmosphere that promotes social awareness, social appreciation and acceptance of those who may be different from you (it is an expectation that you actively participate in conflict resolution).

- 3.1 – Refusal to comply with any lawful order or reasonable request of a clearly identifiable university official acting in the performance of his or her duties in the enforcement of university policy
- 3.2 – Failure to present ACT Card when requested to do so by a university official
- 3.3 – Furnishing false information to a university official with intent to deceive; withholding, with knowledge, information from the university
- 3.4 – Violation of a university policy, town ordinance, state or federal law
- 3.5 – Intimidation of any person including verbal, non-verbal, and written communication
- 3.6 – Threats of violence to self or any other person, regardless of reason
- 3.7 – Use of discriminatory language with intent to harm or incite
- 3.8 – Intimidation or harassment of any person, regardless of reason
- 3.9 – Fighting with any person, regardless of reason
- 3.10 – Stalking or following another person
- 3.11 – Sexual invasion or assault
- 3.12 – Endangering, injuring, or assaulting a staff member under circumstances related to the staff member's job function
- 3.13 – Possession or use of any weapon, firearm, fireworks, or other explosive material
- 3.14 – Theft or possession of another's property
- 3.15- Disruptive behavior that interferes with the normal operation of

IV. Substances

You are responsible for upholding federal, state, and local laws dealing with alcohol, tobacco (smoking is not permitted in any residence hall) and other drugs. Simply put, alcohol is not permitted for students less than 21 years of age, and illegal drugs are not permitted by anyone within the residence halls.

- 4.1 – Purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol by a person under the age of 21
- 4.2 – Possession or consumption in a common area of a residence hall, including but not limited to lounges, hallways, stairwells, balconies, laundry rooms, and study areas
- 4.3 – Sale or distribution of alcohol by a person over 21 years of age to a person under the age of 21
- 4.4 – Use of common sources of alcohol, including but not limited to kegs, party balls, and punch bowls
- 4.5 – Sale of alcoholic beverages on campus, including indirect sales (i.e collection of money at a campus gathering to be used to defray the cost of alcoholic beverages provided at the gathering)
- 4.6 – Possession, delivery, sale, use, or manufacture of any illegal drug
- 4.7 – Possession of paraphernalia for intended or implied use of controlled substances or paraphernalia possessing illegal drug residue

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