

GAS LEAK PROCEDURES

A gas leak is any situation where someone has detected or reported a smell of gas or gas is believed to be leaking from a pipe or another source. Gas leaks are considered serious and potentially dangerous and need to be reported immediately.

Exit the building immediately. Prop door open on your way out in order to ventilate the room/building of gas. DO NOT use matches, lighters, electrical switches, appliances or your telephone inside the residence hall. Call UPD at 601.266.4986 or 911 after exiting the building.

DO NOT re-enter the building until it has been declared safe to do so by emergency personnel. If gas service must be turned off, know that it may not be restored until the following day.

HALL SPORTS POLICY

Sports, rough-housing and water fights are not allowed in the residence halls because of possible damage and/or personal injury to members of the community and facility. Riding bicycles, roller blading, skateboarding, roller skating, throwing Frisbees, darts or balls is not permitted in any residence hall.

HARASSMENT AND THREATENING OR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARD STAFF

Harassment of the university staff (student or professional), whether physical or verbal, will not be tolerated. Individuals found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action and may be removed from the residence halls. In addition, a recommendation of expulsion may be made to the dean of students.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

Personal safety and residence hall security are top priorities of The University of Southern Mississippi. Students, staff and the University Police (Campus security officers patrol the residence hall areas on a 24-hour basis.) have worked together to develop procedures that have greatly increased security in the residence halls. Students must share in the responsibility to ensure security and maintain control of each hall.

The Residence Life department expects that students will respect the security of the buildings, be knowledgeable of safety policies and procedures and refrain from creating fire or other safety hazards. Students have the responsibility to maintain residence hall rooms in a manner that will not create an adverse living environment for themselves, roommates and other students within the building.

The residence hall staff will, as it deems necessary, set a specific time to conduct a periodic room inspection for any health or safety hazards. Should you fail your room inspection, you will be given a time frame in which to clean your room. Another inspection will then take place, and a fine and possible disciplinary action will be issued if you fail the inspection.

The following safety regulations and guidelines should be followed:

1. Door propping (inside with deadbolt and out) is strictly forbidden. Those found propping doors will be fined \$50 and will be subject to further disciplinary action.
2. Only those authorized and with proper identification are allowed to enter the residence halls.
3. Visitors must check in with residence hall staff or the hall security officer, sign the visitor log and present a picture ID.
4. Violations of hall security procedures will result in disciplinary sanctions and/or criminal prosecution.

LANGUAGE ISSUES

In an effort to provide our students a safe, secure and comfortable environment to achieve success, the Department of Residence Life endeavors to educate students on the responsibilities associated with "free speech." Freedom of speech does not absolve a student of the responsibility to respect other individuals.

Therefore, disruptive profanity, statements of intolerance or verbal intimidation will not be supported and will be subject to disciplinary action. All residents will be expected to maintain a sense of civility toward each other and the staff. Hate speech will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.

LOITERING OUTSIDE THE HALLS

Loitering on the steps in front of a building or in areas that make it difficult for residents and visitors to gain access to the building will not be permitted. If noise from outside gatherings can be heard from inside and causes a disturbance in the hall, UPD will be contacted to disperse the loiterers, and disciplinary action may take place.

MISSING PERSON POLICY

If a member of the university community has reason to believe that a student who resides in campus housing is missing, he or she should immediately notify the University Police Department (UPD) at 601.266.4986. UPD will generate a missing person report and initiate an investigation.