

# Chapter 5 – Community Standards and Conduct Process

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The University of Nevada, Reno expects all students to maintain behavior consistent with its educational goals. The Department of Residential Life, Housing & Food Services expects all students to uphold the Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct in addition to all Federal, State, and local laws. The goal of the Community Standards Process within RLHFS is to provide a fair and unbiased opportunity for students to share their experience with a potential policy violation(s). While educational in nature, the process is intended to help students reflect on their actions in order for them to understand the impact they have on themselves and their community. Throughout the process we hope to educate students on the importance of accountability, decision making, and the impact they have on their future as a global leader.

Our staff is excited to welcome you to the University of Nevada, Reno, and help you acclimate to college life. As a student at the University of Nevada, Reno, you are part of many different communities, including the one that exists within your residence hall, floor, and room/suite/apartment. Living in close quarters with people can be an amazing experience but



can also present certain challenges. Every person comes from a different background and brings a different set of experiences and expectations for living in university housing. These Community Standards and the applicable university policies are intended to give you, your roommate(s) and your neighbors a common set of expectations by which you can all live and learn together in order to achieve academic success, develop lasting friendships, and continue to build your skills so you are well prepared for your career after graduation.

In order to carry on the work of teaching, research, and public service, the University of Nevada, Reno, faculty, staff, administrators, and students have an obligation to maintain conditions under which the university's work can proceed freely. This is done in accordance with the highest standards of quality, institutional integrity, freedom of expression, and with full recognition by all concerned, of the rights and privileges, as well as the responsibilities of those who comprise the university community. Each member of our community shares the responsibility of maintaining an environment conducive to the achievement of the university's mission.

Being a member of a community means understanding and adhering to community standards, policies, regulations, and procedures, as well as being an active participant in the positive development and well-being of that community. One community expectation is to ensure that community standards are upheld. As a community member, you are responsible for your (and your guest's) behavior and the choices you make. It is our expectation that you will abide by all university and Residential Life, Housing, and Food Services ("Residential Life") procedures, regulations, and Community Standards, as well as applicable laws. Residential Life, in conjunction with the Dean of Students office, has a community standards system in place to confront and address policy and community standards violations.

If you are ever in the presence of an alleged violation, you have some choices:

- You may attempt to stop the behavior or alleged violation, and/or
- You may contact Residential Life staff or UNR Police at (775) 784-4013, and/or
- You may remove yourself from the situation.

It is important to note that your involvement, in any capacity, will result in being a part of the documented incident. You may be asked to speak with a member of Residential Life, the Dean of Students office, the Equal Opportunity and Title IX office, University Police, and/or other university officials regarding the alleged misconduct of yourself or others.

Residential Life staff is committed to offering you an inclusive environment that will allow you to take healthy risks, grow and participate in enriching and challenging activities. You have the choice to passively exist or take full advantage of your living environment by participating in activities, standing up for yourself and others, and speaking up for what you believe has value.



In addition, you have additional rights and responsibilities outlined in the University Student Code of Conduct with which you should be familiar. The University's conduct process, Residential Life Community Standards Process, and city, state, or federal procedures are separate but may overlap in certain situations. The Community Standards apply to residents, the buildings, and surrounding areas. The Student Code of Conduct outlines expectations of behavior for all students, including residents. The Office of Student Conduct retains all jurisdiction over violations to the Student Code of Conduct. Hence, students who move off campus and are no longer subject to the policies outlined by the Community Standards and their License Agreement, are still accountable for any violations to the Student Code of Conduct. Serious incidents, which may involve violations of law or statute, are addressed by local courts after being investigated by the University Police Services.

### **Breadth and Scope**

It is the intention of Residential Life to help to facilitate a community wherein intentional connections are made, active collaboration between residents occurs, and students find a sense of belonging. By assessing and developing our critical thinking ability, it is the hope that the resident will continually develop into a functioning member of the University community and the wider community at-large. Through active respect for one another, a compassion for a unified mission, and stark authenticity, the student will become citizens for a lifetime. By signing/agreeing to the License Agreement, residents are contractually obligated to comply with the Community Standards listed herein. Any violations of these Community Standards may result in administrative action, up to and including termination of the License Agreement. Residents and their guests are concurrently subject to all university policies and regulations for conduct, as well as all local, state, and federal laws. Violation of the Community Standards may also result in action being taken under the Student Code of Conduct.

Should you have any questions or need a policy clarification, please contact your Resident Director or the Residential Life office at [\(775\) 784-1113](tel:7757841113).

## **2021-2022 Community Standards**



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<b>Community Standard Category</b>	<b>Community Standard</b>
Academic Community Expectations	Residence Halls provide an environment for students to live together, study, and interact. Residents are responsible for meeting standards of academic performance. Attendance and participation in classes are expected of all residents. Any resident with a high frequency of absences and/or found not participating in or attending classes is in violation of residence hall policy and may be subject to cancellation of License Agreement, residence hall probation, and/or other sanctions at the sole discretion of the University.
Academic Intervention	Residents who do not meet academic standards will be required to participate in an academic intervention program should they remain in the residence halls.
Academic (Full-Time Status Required)	All residents are expected to successfully complete full-time credits at the University (refer to the University catalog for more information on what qualifies as full-time status). Any resident who drops below full-time status must receive special permission from Residential Life to remain in the residence halls. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of License Agreement, residence hall probation, and/or other sanctions at the sole discretion of the University.
Academic (GPA Requirement)	A minimum of 2.0 semester and cumulative GPA is expected of all residents and those not meeting this requirement may be subject to cancellation of License Agreement, residence hall probation, and/or other sanctions at the sole discretion of the University.
Activities Prohibited by Law	Any item, activity or behavior that is illegal under local, state or federal law, or deemed by University staff as not conducive to community living is prohibited.
Alcohol (Drinking Games)	Any activity in which a consequence or reward is to drink is prohibited, regardless of the liquid being consumed. Water pong and other drinking games that may not involve alcohol is a violation of this policy.
Alcohol (Empty Alcohol Containers)	Empty containers of alcohol, including those used for decoration, may be considered evidence of prior consumption in the room or suite.

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Alcohol (Excessive Quantities & Large Containers)	Regardless of the age of those present, large amounts of alcohol are not permitted in the residence halls at any time. Brewing kits, kegs, pony kegs, beer bong, funnels, taps, and party balls, whether empty or full, are prohibited.
Alcohol (In Presence of)	Alcohol may not be consumed or stored in rooms/suites (including refrigerators) if any resident or guest is under 21 years old. If alcohol is consumed or stored in rooms/suites (including refrigerators) and residents or guests under 21 years old are present, everyone present is considered as involved in a policy violation incident and subject to the conduct process. Everyone present will be included in the incident report and contacted by the Resident Director, Graduate Director, or other designee.
Alcohol (Possession or Consumption)	Possession (internal or external) or possession through the consumption of alcoholic beverages in and around the residence halls is permitted only by residents and their guests 21 years of age or older, in student rooms, with doors closed, and with no minors present. Residents 21 years of age or older consuming alcohol with minors (those not of legal drinking age) is strictly prohibited. Excessive consumption of alcohol is prohibited in all situations, including those activities intended to encourage consumption of alcohol, regardless of the age of the person(s) involved. Regardless of age, individuals who are considered guests, are not permitted to bring alcohol in to any residence hall or dining facility. Alcohol is not permitted in any residence hall common area such as entrances, hallways, or lounges, or on adjacent grounds. Parcels and bags in public areas or being brought into residence halls are subject to inspection. Staff members are authorized to take reasonable action to ensure that alcohol is not inappropriately brought onto residence hall property.
Attachments	Nothing may be attached to furniture, the building, exterior poles, railings, trees, etc., or placed in hallways, window sills/ledges, and balconies. This includes satellite dishes and antennas.



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Banned Individuals and Trespassing	Residential Life reserves the right to restrict access to any department facilities at any time to any persons or groups. Individuals may be banned from the residence halls; individuals not adhering to the conditions of their ban are considered trespassers and law enforcement may be contacted. When a student's License Agreement has been cancelled, the student may not be in or around the residence halls, even as a guest or visitor, for the remainder of the academic year or date indicated on their cancellation letter.
Behavior Under the Influence	Disorderly conduct and disruptive behavior while under the influence of substances or other drugs will not be excused on the basis of impairment.
Building Entry	Entry into the building exterior entrances is made by using the individual resident's WolfCard. In some hall, the WolfCard is also used to access wing, suite, and even individual room doors. For this reason, all residents are required to obtain and carry their WolfCard or an authorized equivalent. If a resident should lose their WolfCard, they need to notify housing staff immediately so the card's ability to access the building is canceled. The resident may be issued a temporary card to access their room, but they need to obtain a new WolfCard and have it programmed as soon as possible to obtain full hall access. Replacement ID cards are available at the WolfCard office located at the Joe Crowley Student Union. In order to verify that you are a resident of the hall, you may be required to show your WolfCard or government-issued identification. Your cooperation will help protect the security of your building. Being a guest is a privilege, not a right.
Building Evacuations	Failure to evacuate the building during an activated fire alarm or when directed to do so in an emergency. Remaining in the building during an emergency places not only the individual at risk, but will result in administrative action.
Building Exterior	Being on any part of the building's outside structure, including window sills, window ledges, roofs, attics, walls or railings. Entering or assisting others in accessing any unauthorized areas such as mechanical rooms and or other restricted areas.



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Civil Protective Custody	A person who is found in any public place under the influence of alcohol, in such a condition that the person is unable to exercise care for their own health or safety or the health or safety of others, must be placed under civil protective custody by a peace officer (NRS 458.270).
Common Area Items	Removing furniture from common areas (charges for removing, repair and replacement will be assessed). Furniture in common areas, including suite common areas, is there for the common good. Removal of it is, in short, theft. In addition, removing items (cups, trays, silverware, etc.) from the dining hall is prohibited.
Community Living	Residents are expected to practice appropriate personal hygiene and to maintain an environment within their room and community which is sanitary. Any behaviors or actions, which demonstrate an inability to abide by the requirements for group living are prohibited. This may include, but is not limited to, cleanliness, odors, or any other environmental issues or concerns. Further, Residents diagnosed with one or more communicable conditions may be directed to self-isolate, move to a room where they can be quarantined, or remove themselves from the residence halls in order to protect community health and safety.
Computing and Network Resources	Any violation of the Computing and Network Use Agreement is prohibited. Please visit the Residence Hall Network Use Policy webpage for more information.
Cooking Appliances	Other than in units with designated kitchen areas which are the exception, prohibited items include cooking equipment such as: hot-plates with exposed coils, toasters, electric fry-pans, grilling devices, or anything with an exposed heating element. Authorized items include: crockpots, rice cookers, hot-air popcorn poppers, blenders, coffee makers, air fryer, instant pot, one refrigerator per room (under five cubic feet in size), one microwave per room (the maximum wattage may be limited), other devices that are "UL Approved." Continued electrical shortages due the amount of cooking appliances in room may result in the items being prohibited. Food must be disposed of properly in all halls. Do not dump food into sinks or drinking fountains.

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Damage	If responsibility for damages or excessive cleaning cannot be determined, charges will be billed as follows. For damage within a room or suite/apartment: charges will be divided equally among all residents living in the room, suite or apartment. This includes damage to or cleaning of bathroom and kitchen areas. For damage to public areas: charges will be divided equally among all students on the floor or in the hall.
Damage to Property	Any act which causes damage to the residential halls or the property of another person is not permitted. This may include acts perceived as "pranks" against members of the residential community. Rewiring, the placing of attachments, or attaching unauthorized devices on a telephone, computer or other electronic device is also prohibited.
Dining Facility Payment	You are required to pay for any items you take from a residential dining facility. This includes paying for a guest with a meal swipe or other means at the dining hall.
Disruptive Behavior	Any behavior or action, physical or verbal (including social media posts), in which the mode of expression, irrespective of its content or viewpoint is considered verbal abuse, intimidation, coercion or bullying which is sufficiently severe, persistent pervasive so as to interfere with or limit a student's ability to participate or benefit from the educational services, activities, or opportunities offered by the institution, including, but not limited to, that which constitutes discrimination or harassment relating to race, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other protected class.





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Distressed Residents	<p>The University has protocols which may restrict a student's access to campus locations in situations where current medical knowledge and/or the best available objective evidence demonstrates that they pose an actual threat to themselves or others. In accordance with these protocols, residents in distress may be denied entry or access to the halls. Any conditions or requirements for reinstatement of access will be based on an individualized assessment of the resident, including consideration of current medical knowledge and/or the best available objective evidence. Careful consideration will be given to the opinions and recommendations of the resident's treating physician or mental health professional, if available. Before denying any resident with a disability entry or access to the residence halls, the University will do an individualized assessment to determine if there are reasonable accommodations that would permit the resident to continue in their housing status. Any decision to deny entry or access to a resident will be based upon actual risk, and not mere speculation, stereotypes, or generalizations about individuals with disabilities. Any decision to restrict a resident's access to the residence halls may be appealed to the Assistant Director of Student Conduct and Safety for Residential Life pursuant to the Appeals Process described in these Community Standards.</p>
Disturbance to Academic Community	<p>Any resident creating a disruption or disturbance to other student's ability to sleep or study during finals week may be required to leave the residence halls immediately and remain banned from the facility until a conduct hearing to address the violation occurs.</p>
Drugs and Substances (In Presence of)	<p>Anyone present during an incident involving the illegal use, possession, or distribution of drugs or substances is considered as being involved in a policy violation incident and is subject to the community standards process.</p>
Drugs and Substances (Possession and Consumption)	<p>Use, possession, cultivation, manufacturing or distribution of marijuana (including for medical purposes), unauthorized controlled substances and/or unauthorized prescription drugs, and drug paraphernalia (including for medical purposes) in or around the residents halls is prohibited.</p>



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Elevators	Playing in or around elevators or causing damage to elevators. Accidents can result in serious injury or death.
Emergency Exits	Opening a fire exit door or using the emergency exit stairwells is prohibited at all times except during an emergency. Failure to abide by the limitations is deemed a serious breach of security for the residence hall community. An alarmed door should only be heard in times of a fire or similar emergency. Therefore, intentionally causing an alarm to sound is the same as causing a false fire alarm and is a violation of state law.
Encouragement/Involvement	Active or passive participation in a violation, aiding or encouraging others to violate hall policies, remaining present while policy violations are occurring, or failure to report a violation by others when having direct knowledge of that violation.
Failure to Comply	Failure to comply with the directions of a University official, including a residence or dining hall staff member acting in an official capacity. This includes failure to produce an official ID card upon request of a staff member and failure to complete a sanction assigned in response to a policy violation. Residents who wish to voice their concerns regarding the Community Standards or documentation process should make an appointment with the Resident Director, Graduate Resident Director, Assistant Director of Student Conduct and Safety, or other administrative staff.
False Identification	Providing or being in possession of false identification or providing false information to a university official. False IDs will be confiscated and the resident may be referred to the University Police Services or the Office of Student Conduct.
False Information	Knowingly furnishing false information to any University or NSHE official, faculty member, or office.
False Requests for Access	Misrepresenting yourself in an attempt to gain access to a room is a violation of the community standards.



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Fire Safety	Tampering with or disabling any part of the fire alarm system, altering door closing or latching hardware, discharging an extinguisher, activating or causing a false fire alarm, or setting a fire can endanger life and property, and may result in cancellation of your License Agreement, restitution, administrative action, and/or criminal prosecution. Items may not be attached to or hung from any smoke detector or any part of the sprinkler system. Failure to report damage to fire or life safety equipment may also be considered a violation.
Fire Safety (Ceiling/Fire Devices)	Attaching any items to the ceiling, water pipes, sprinklers, smoke detectors or other items on or near the ceiling in your room. All items hung in the room must be 18" below the ceiling.
Fire Safety (Flammables & Explosives)	Flammable liquids, harmful chemicals, photo chemicals, barbecue grills (including propane canisters), charcoal, gasoline, blow torches, explosives, flares, firecrackers, fireworks, and any other items that may be determined to be hazardous. Possession of these items is prohibited



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Guests	<p>Any individual not assigned to the residence hall to which they are visiting is considered a guest and must be registered at the building front desk or with a Residential Life staff member. Residents are allowed two (2) guests at a time. Residents are responsible for informing their guests of the Community Standards and appropriate behaviors that would protect the health and safety of others in the building. Residents are held accountable for any guest they check-in, and the resident will be held responsible for any community standard violations. Residents must escort their guest(s) while in the building at all times, including checking their guest out when leaving the building. For a guest to check-in, they must present an ID at the Front Desk or to the Residential Life Staff Member. If the front desk is closed, the resident must call the Resident Assistant on Duty to check-in their guest. Guests must follow all established health guidelines as suggested by the University, CDC, Washoe County Public Health Department, NSHE, and the State of Nevada. This includes, but is not limited to, proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test result, administered within 72 hours prior to entering the building. The test results must include the date administered and identifiable information. Furthermore, the University reserves the right to limit guest access when it deems such limits necessary to protect the health and safety of residents.</p>



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Guests (Minor)	<p>Any individual who is under the age of 18 and is not affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno, is considered a minor guest. The Resident must complete the Minor Guest Registration Request Form (available at unr.edu/housing) which will be reviewed by staff and permission sought by the guest's parent/guardian. Only after parent/guardian and staff approve this guest to be permitted in the building, that guest can be registered by the resident – see "39. Guests." Residents are responsible for informing their minor guest of the Community Standards and appropriate behaviors that would protect the health and safety of other in the building. Residents are held accountable for any minor guest they check-in, and the resident will be held responsible for any policy violations. Residents must escort their minor guest at all times, this includes checking the minor guest out when leaving the building. Minor guests must follow all established health guidelines as suggested by the University, CDC, Washoe County Public Health Department, NSHE, and the State of Nevada. This includes, but is not limited to, proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test result, administered within 72 hours prior to entering the building. The test results must include date administered and identifiable information. Furthermore, the University reserves the right to limit guest access when it deems such limits necessary to protect the health and safety of residents.</p>
Guests (Overnight)	<p>Residents are allowed to have one (1) overnight guest at a time. Residents are not allowed to have more than three (3) overnight guests in a one-month period. All overnight guests must be discussed and agreed upon with all roommates. Overnight guests are subject to "10. Guests."</p>
Hall Equipment	<p>Misuse of residence hall games or equipment. Failing to return checked-out equipment promptly.</p>
Health Guidelines	<p>Failure to observe University and Resident Life issued guidelines and expectations in regards to the preservation of health and safety of the community.</p>



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Lockouts	If a resident is locked out of their room, they may request a lockout key or access card for their room. These lockout keys and access cards are available for up to 15 minutes. Residents who keep lockout keys or access cards are subject to charges and fees. Residents are granted 3 opportunities to check out a lockout key or access card. After three (3), residents are charged a \$5.00 fee per lockout. Keys or access cards not returned in a timely manner (within 1 business day) will be presumed lost; residents will be charged for any subsequent lock changes or replacement costs.
Lost Keys	Residents are required to immediately report lost or stolen keys to the residence hall front desk. Residents may be issued a temporary key for 24 hours. After 24 hours, if the keys are not recovered or found, residents will be charged for any subsequent lock changes and replacement keys.
Meal Plan	Meal plan participants must present and swipe their WolfCard before each meal.
Motorized Vehicles/Transport	Motorcycles, mopeds and automotive parts or components, may not be kept in or around the buildings, except in designated parking areas. Use, possession, and storage of drones/Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and similar devices is prohibited. Use, possession, and storage of electric powered scooter, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar devices are limited to items that maintain a speed of under 20 mph and are "UL Approved." Bicycles may be kept in bedrooms and suite common areas but not in hallways, stairwells, balconies, or public areas, except in designated racks, where they may limit egress. No items may be used in the hallways, room, community spaces, or corridors.
Outside/Additional Furniture	Residents are not permitted to bring upholstered furniture into the halls. For the health and safety of the residence hall, residents must request to bring additional furniture into the residence halls. The furniture approval form is provided by the Resident Director. Additional furniture must be approved before items are brought into the residence hall. Unauthorized furniture found within the residence hall will be removed and discarded. Residents responsible for the items may be charged for furniture removal.

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Parking & Driving	Parking or driving in unauthorized areas near the residence halls. Parking in fire lanes, etc., may obstruct emergency vehicle access, threatening the safety of the entire residence hall community.
Personal Health & Hygiene	Residents are responsible for upholding standards of personal hygiene. This includes but is not limited to: maintaining room cleanliness, sanitizing and disinfecting surfaces, hand washing, showering, and when directed by Residential Life, wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) and maximizing social and physical distancing. Residents are also responsible for taking care of their personal health. Personal health includes physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional aspects of students' wellbeing. Students are encouraged to seek resources both on and off campus to ensure that their health is a priority.
Pets	No pets or animals allowed, except tropical fish or goldfish. Fish tanks of up to 10 gallons are permitted. There is no heat during semester break, so take your fish home during this time frame.
Physical Violence	The use of, or threat to use, force or violence, intimidation, coercion and/or conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any member or guest of the University Community.
Posting	All posted signs and objects in the room/suite, including those which are visible from outside, must be in accordance with the roommate/suitemate agreement and the "34. Restrictions on Posting Signs" standard. All signs for posting in public areas must be consistent with the time, place, and manner guidelines and the posting policy of Residential Life.
Posting (Doors)	Attaching any items to the door of your room or hallway area is not allowed. A small item, no larger than 9"x12" (i.e. memo board, poster, etc.) is allowed to be attached to the wall besides your door using masking or painters tape. Attaching items to your typically cause more damage/ware & tear on the door. Any items that are posted are subject to restrictions on posting signs and the roommate/suitemate agreement. Exceptions may be made if participating in a University sponsored event.



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Posting (Restrictions on Signs)	Violent and obscene speech are not constitutionally protected, including when messages are contained on posted signs/media. Posted signs may be prohibited based upon written or graphic expressions which are an incitement to imminent lawlessness. The University will consider the actual circumstances surrounding such expression, and posting of a sign will be prohibited only if the sign is an incitement to immediate violence or illegal acts. Posted signs also may be prohibited based upon obscenity. In determining what constitutes obscene material, a three-part test applies: The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the work, taken as a whole, is designed to appeal to the prurient interest; and the work depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law; and the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.
Posting (Windows)	Posting signs, banners, post-it notes, or any other item on your window is prohibited. Having items in the window can disrupt the normal use of the window, cause additional wear & tear, and inhibit the visual inside of the room during an emergency. Any items that can be seen through your window are subject to "34. Restrictions on posting signs" and the roommate/suitemate agreement.





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Prohibited Activities	<p>Water fights in or around any part of the building's structure. Such activities can cause damage and injury and tend to escalate beyond what one or more of the parties intended. This includes using water guns of all types, buckets, cups or any other item that may be used in a water fight. Throwing or discharging anything from, toward, or inside the building including water balloons, bottles, cigarette butts, litter, food, balls, rocks, spit, etc. This includes throwing or discharging anything out of your room window. Any activities or games in hallways, common areas, balconies, rooms or suites, or adjacent parking lots which can cause or contribute to injury, damage or excessive noise, such as Frisbee, darts, wrestling, tossing balls, bouncing balls, etc. Shining flashlights and laser lights into another room or building is prohibited. Painting or drawing on the walls of your room. Unauthorized murals will be subject to charges and repainting. Overloading electrical outlets and/or altering existing power or communication infrastructure. Residents will be held responsible for damages caused by these actions. Residents are also responsible to provide surge protection devices for any sensitive electronic equipment they use in the facilities. Cooking using a flame or open element, barbecuing or grilling food inside buildings or in unauthorized exterior areas is prohibited. Grills or devices used to cook outside the building must meet department guidelines and are only allowed in designated areas. Storing or placing items outside rooms, windows, on ledges, on balconies or on railings is prohibited.</p>
Prohibited Gatherings	<p>Any activity or gathering where the number of attendees exceeds any limits prescribed by Residential Life or the University. Exceeding social and/or physical distance guidelines increases the likelihood of placing resident/guest health and safety in jeopardy.</p>



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Prohibited Items	<p>Decals, stickers, glow in the dark stars, contact paper, darts, dartboard or other items which may damage walls or furniture. Bunking beds in a way other than for which they were designed is also prohibited. This includes lofting bed frames or furniture on heaters, desks, dressers, chairs, concrete or wood blocks, etc. No lofted beds are permitted other than those supplied by Residential Life. Waterbeds or other non-supplied beds or furniture are prohibited. Live Christmas trees or wreaths are prohibited. Strings of lights around the edges of the window are permitted but must be unplugged when residents are not in the room. Candles, incense, potpourri, or any burning ember or open flame burning is prohibited. Space heaters, power tools, air conditioners, personal lamps that have bulbs higher than their rated capacity, or any bulbs 150 watts or greater, halogen lamps without wire or glass guards over the bulb, multi-plug extension cords and multi-plug adapters are prohibited.</p>
Propping Doors	<p>Propping open any wing, exterior, or any door that leads into the main hallway is prohibited. This includes room, suite, and apartment doors that lead to the hallway. Propping doors is a security issue, as well as a fire safety issue, that can endanger the safety of the residence hall community. Do not let unknown individuals into the building. Refer them to the front desk for assistance. As part of your commitment to community living, it is essential for you to assume responsibility for helping maintain a safe and secure environment for all residents.</p>



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Quiet Hours	<p>Quiet hours are established as follows: Sunday – Thursday: 10 p.m. – 8 a.m. &amp; Friday – Saturday: midnight – 8 a.m. Excessive noise during these times is not allowed. Excessive noise is considered any noise that can be heard more than one door (or residence hall room) away and congregating in hallways and on balconies creates excessive noise, which should be avoided by moving into rooms, lounges, or suite common areas. Stereos are a frequent source of noise disturbance and high-powered stereos (including low-frequency speakers and sub-woofers ) are discouraged. Speakers should never be placed in or near windows and your door should always be closed when playing your stereo. Vehicles near the residence halls and loud music outside the halls can echo between buildings and create disturbances. Stereos, speakers, etc. that cause disturbance may be required to be removed from the residence halls as a condition of continued occupancy.</p>
Quiet Hours (Courtesy)	<p>Common courtesy hours concerning noise are in effect 24 hours a day. Loud voices and other activities in close proximity to the residence halls may also create excessive noise levels. The right to sleep and study always supersedes the right to make noise. Even an isolated outburst of excessive noise can wake someone from a much-needed nap or break one's concentration during a study session. This regulation recognizes that in any community consisting of so many diverse individuals, basic courtesy is always required for people to be able to pursue their own activities and schedules. Most musical instruments can easily create excessive noise such as guitars, drums, bongos, and other instruments. Residents who wish to use and practice these instruments may inquire at the practice room in the Music Building.</p>
Quiet Hours (Extended)	<p>Quiet hours may be extended by floor vote, but they may not be shortened. If you experience a problem with noise, you are encouraged first to speak directly with the responsible individuals. Then, if you are still not satisfied, seek your Residential Life staff for assistance.</p>
Quiet Hours (Final Exam)	<p>During the final exam period, including prep day, quiet hours are in effect 24 hours a day. It is essential that a person's needs for sleep and study be particularly respected during final exams.</p>

<b>Community Standard Category</b>	<b>Community Standard</b>
Removing University Furniture	Removing furniture from residence hall rooms or bringing unauthorized furniture (couches, beds, chairs, etc.) into the building or room is prohibited. Residence hall furniture may not be stored elsewhere, on or off-campus.
Residential Dining Facilities	Appropriate behavior and attire is required at all campus dining facilities. Shoes must be worn at all times. Inappropriate behavior may result in denial of access. It is your responsibility to return your dirty dishes to the designated area and/or dispose of trash appropriately. You may take all that you want to eat, but please eat all that you take. Only designated take-out meals and ice cream cones may be taken from the DownUnder Café.
Restricted Residence Hall Access	Any person who, based upon current medical knowledge and/or the best available objective information, poses an actual danger to the health or safety of themselves or others may not be allowed entry or access to the residence halls until they are assessed by emergency personnel. This includes those who exhibit: actions or behavior that indicate a likelihood of physical violence to themselves or others; high levels of unauthorized and/or controlled substance impairment; unconsciousness or reduced levels of consciousness; or other physical/ medical conditions that put themselves or others at risk. Should a resident be denied access to the halls due to health or safety concerns, conduct actions and/or health related issues, Residential Life is not responsible for charges incurred by the resident for off campus housing.
Room Entry	University officials reserve the right to enter and inspect residence hall rooms at any time without prior notification. Inspections will occur when necessary to protect and maintain the property of the University, the health and safety of its students or whenever necessary to aid in the basic responsibility of the University regarding discipline and maintenance of an educational atmosphere. Police will be contacted in incidents which may involve drugs, weapons, stolen property or other criminal activity. If determined to be an immediate threat to the community, items may be confiscated. In addition, emergency personnel may remove residents or guests from a room if they are unable to care for themselves or when their health or safety is at risk.

<b>Community Standard Category</b>	<b>Community Standard</b>
Roommate Contracts	Failure to establish and/or abide by reasonable roommate/suitemate agreements.
Sexual Harassment	Any form of sexual harassment, sexual coercion, or sexual violence as defined by the Student Code of Conduct is prohibited.
Solicitation/Business	All solicitation or hand distribution of printed material near, around, or within the residence halls is prohibited without special permission from Residential Life. Residence hall rooms and public areas may not be used for any business or remunerative purposes, including storing of commodities. Sales demonstrations or soliciting within the residence halls is not allowed. In addition, campus computer labs may not be used for business purposes. Residents should refuse anyone attempting to sell a product or provide services. Immediately report any solicitation occurring in the residence halls. Because door-to-door solicitation is prohibited in the residence halls, should someone come to your room offering to sell something or provide services, you should refuse to do business with them and notify Residential Life staff immediately. Experience has shown that most of the sales people who would enter the halls in violation of our policy are not legitimate and are often trying to scam residents.
Stolen Property	Possession or storage of stolen property in your room, such as signs, lounge furniture, shopping carts, and items obtained through theft, etc.
Storage	Residents may not store any items such as bicycles or personal property in hallways, stairwells, or other common space. Each resident must keep all of their possessions in their room or suite. No storage space is available at the residence halls in which to store suitcases, boxes, trunks or additional furniture.
Theft	Unauthorized borrowing, stealing, or removal of another's personal property.
Threatening Behavior	Threatening behavior, whether written, verbal or physical to others or self.



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Tobacco	In accordance with University policies, tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and smoking is prohibited in the residence halls, including residence hall rooms, public areas, hallways, balconies, lounges, laundry rooms, lobbies, and outside areas. Any and all forms of smoking are prohibited inside residence halls. This includes traditional methods (cigarettes, cigars, varieties of pipes, etc.) as well as non-traditional devices (e-cigarettes, vapor pens and similar items). Smoking in a residence hall room will result in additional room cleaning charges.
Trespassing	Trespassing, entering or remaining in any room or location without the resident's or staff's permission.
Unauthorized Use of Keys and WolfCard	Duplicating, borrowing, or loaning room keys or WolfCards to guests or friends is strictly prohibited. Residents possessing any key or WolfCard other than their own are in violation of the Community Standards. Loaning your key or WolfCard is also a violation of the Community Standards.
University Conduct	Any actions or activities prohibited in the Student Code of Conduct or this Handbook.
Vaccination Requirements	Regulations passed by the Nevada Division of Health require that, any freshman college student under the age of 23 may not live in university housing unless vaccinated against Neisseria meningitides (Meningococcus) unless excused because of medical or religious reasons. Due to lifestyle factors, such as group living situations and sharing of personal items, college students living in residence halls are more likely to acquire meningococcal disease than the general college population. Residence hall students who do NOT need this vaccination include those who: a) lived on campus last year and are returning to the residence halls, b) are over the age of 23, or c) Upperclassmen. All other residents, including international students enrolled in the IELC or OISS programs, must receive this vaccination as a condition of occupancy in the residence halls.



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Vandalism	Vandalism, damage to, tampering with University or personal property of another. Residents are required to immediately report accidental damage of University or the personal property of others. Causing damage or failure to report damage may result in administrative action.
Weapons	Any weapons, including firearms, BB guns, paint ball guns, pellet or air soft guns, bows and arrows, bullets or other ammunition, martial arts weapons, Tasers or conducted electrical weapons, stun guns, knives or any item that is a reasonable facsimile of the listed weapons (including nerf guns and water guns). Possession of these items is prohibited.
Window Screens	Removing or tampering with the window screens or blocks is not permitted. Entering or exiting the building through a window, except in cases of an emergency, is prohibited. Residents will be charged for damage to the windows for the cost of repair and replacement. Secured screens are for the security and there are not valid reasons to remove one, except in the case of an emergency.

## **Residential Community Standards Process**

As students of the institution and occupants of the halls, residents are expected to follow federal, state and local law, adhere to the Student Code of Conduct as well as being required to abide by the restrictions listed or indicated in their License Agreement. Sections of the Student Code of Conduct and specific Community Standards relating to the residence halls are in addition to any laws or criminal statutes which may be applicable to the situation.

The Office of Student Conduct has the responsibility to address violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Violations of the campus code that occur in or around the residence halls are generally addressed by Residential Life staff members, who may act on behalf of the Office of Student Conduct. Due to the standards of behavior on the university, many violations that occur in the halls are violations of both the Student Code of Conduct and the License Agreement. Any violations of law or state statute on or near campus property are handled as criminal matters by the University Police Services.



Violations of Residential Life Community Standards are generally treated as administrative actions. Residents will be expected to reflect on the decision they made that landed them in the situation they are in. Depending on the policy violations, residents will be expected to meet with a residential life staff member to discuss the potential policy violation, develop positive decision making skills, learn about the impact of their decisions, and discuss any educational and administrative sanctions that will be assigned. Failure to comply with any actions discussed during the community standards meeting may result in cancellation of the License Agreement and removal from the halls (which often involves the application of cancellation fees and charges). Actions taken relating to the Community Standards are separate from the Student Code of Conduct process and any city, state, or federal criminal or civil procedure.

To summarize these three separate yet overlapping systems:

- The Community Standards relate to specific behaviors prohibited in the residence halls — as addressed by Residential Life staff.
- The Student Code of Conduct is a much broader document which deals with not only those behaviors occurring in the halls, but all student behaviors impacting the University — addressed either by direct action or action taken under the authority of the Office of Student Conduct.
- City, county, state, and Federal laws for which alleged violations are dealt with by local courts after being investigated by the University Police Services.

Even if a student moves out of the halls and is no longer subject to the License Agreement, the Office of Student Conduct retains jurisdiction over violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

## **Community Standards Process**

The Residential Life Community Standards Process is designed to encourage students to take responsibility for their actions and ensure that the rights of all members of the residence community are respected. The Residential Life Community Standards Process includes administrative and educational action and typically involves the following:

- Residents suspected of Community Standards violations are documented by staff and an incident report is submitted to the Resident Director or Graduate Resident Director.
- Cases of repeat violations or incidents involving a potential safety risk to the resident or community may be referred directly to an Assistant Director for Residential Life or the Director of Residential Life.
- Notification is sent to the email listed on your MyNevada account detailing the potential Community Standards violations.





- During a Community Standards meeting, the resident(s) will meet with the hall staff, an Assistant Director of Residential Life, and/or the Director of Residential Life. The resident's involvement in the potential Community Standards violation is typically decided during the Community Standards meeting (e.g. the resident is either found "responsible" or "not responsible" for the violation in question). Once a decision has been determined, the resident is given a Decision Letter outlining the result of the conduct meeting.
- If the resident is found responsible for the Community Standard violation in question, sanctions consistent with the policy violation are assigned. They will typically be educational and/or administrative sanctions listed in the Decision Letter. See Typical Sanctions below.
- If the resident disagrees with the decision made during the conduct meeting, they have the right to an appeal process.
- For certain policy violations, residents may receive a Policy Reminder Letter in lieu of a meeting with a Residential Life Staff member. For more information, see Policy Reminder Letter below.

Failure to participate in the Residential Life Community Standards process will result in further administrative action up to cancellation of the License Agreement and eviction from the residence halls. The Residential Life Community Standards process is separate from the Office of Student Conduct's process.

Students are responsible for what occurs in their room. As a result, they may be held responsible for violations occurring in their assigned room or suite, even if they are not present when the violation occurred. The process used for License Agreement and Student Code of Conduct violations has a standard of proof often much different than previously experienced by students. For the Residential Life Community Standards Process, the decision on whether a community standards violation occurred is based upon a preponderance of information and not "beyond a reasonable doubt." The Preponderance standard considers whether it is "more likely than not" that the alleged violation occurred.

### **Personal Advisor**

As a student involved in a possible residence hall violation, you have the opportunity to be advised by a personal advisor of your choice. If you would like your personal advisor to be present at your scheduled meeting, you must give advanced notice to the Residential Life staff member serving as your conduct officer. If you choose to have a personal advisor present, below are the guidelines you are agreeing to:



- A personal advisor may not participate in the hearing in any way other than to privately advise the student and provide personal support
- The personal advisor cannot speak on behalf of the student or directly address the conduct officer during the conduct meeting
- The personal advisor cannot be an active participant in the residential student conduct process (i.e. the personal advisor cannot be someone who is involved in the alleged residence hall violation for which you are meeting)
- If the advisor does not follow these guidelines the conduct officer may reschedule the conduct meeting and ask the personal advisor not to be present
- As the student, by having a personal advisor at your scheduled meeting, you acknowledge and agree the personal advisor will have access to FERPA protected information. If you choose to have an attorney as your personal advisor, you must inform the conduct officer at least five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting. The meeting may be rescheduled if prior notice is not given.

## **Accepting Responsibility for Your Actions**

During the community standards meeting, the Residential Life staff member meeting with the resident will explain the process for determining responsibility. Our community standards process does not seek to punish but instead uses the incident as an educational opportunity. When a resident accepts responsibility for a violation, both administrative and/or education sanctions will be assigned. Education sanctions are designed to provide opportunities for self-reflection, increased self-awareness, and a deeper understanding of the impact of their behaviors on themselves and others in their community.

## **Typical Sanctions**

### **Administrative Sanctions**

Administrative sanctions are sanctions that require no action a resident. Administrative sanctions include statuses that apply to your housing records for at least a year, but we reserve the right to extend the status based on the severity of the violation. Additionally, administrative sanctions may prohibit the resident from accessing certain privilege, amenities, administrative room moves, and include paying for any damages that occurred because of the violation. Below is a list of administrative sanctions that could be included in the decision letter.

- **Residence Hall Warning:** A formal warning from Housing, Residential Life & Food Service against violations of the Student Handbook. Further violation(s) of the Student Handbook may result in more impactful disciplinary actions. You are expected to reflect upon your



decisions and to be mindful of how your future choices and actions may impact you and your community.

- **Licenses Agreement Probation:** A formal notice from Housing, Residential Life & Food services against violations of the Student Handbook. Further violation(s) of the Student Handbook may could lead to Licenses Cancellation and the details from the incident will be considered in future sanctioning for the duration of the time you live on campus. You are expected to reflect upon your decisions and to be mindful of how your future choices and actions may impact you and your community
- **Deferred Licenses Cancellation:** A formal notice from Housing, Residential Life & Food Services that any involvement in future policy violations may result in your Student Housing and Meal Plan Licenses being cancelled. As a reminder, if your Student Housing and Meal Plan Licenses is cancelled you are financially responsible for any fees associated with your housing and meal plan.
- **Restitution:** Payment for any damages that were cause as part of the violation.
- **Loss of Privileges – Guest:** You will lose the privilege to have guest in your residence hall for a designated amount of time. This sanction may be used for violations involving guests.
- **Loss of Privileges – Access to Facilities:** Based on the violation you may lose the right to access certain residential buildings for a certain period of time.
- **Loss of Privilege – Equipment Use:** Based on the violation you may lose the right to check out equipment from the front desk.
- **Los of Privilege – Computer Network Access:** Based on the violation you may lose the right to access to residential network for a certain amount of time.
- **Room Change:** Based on the policy violation you will be assigned to a new room. Depending on the location of the room, you are responsible for any increase financial obligation.

## **Educational Sanctions**

Education sanctions are sanctions that require action from the residents in order for it to be marked as complete. Educational sanctions are designed to allow the student to reflect on their decision and learn more about the Student Handbook. Failure to complete educational sanctions by the deadline listed in you decision letter, will result in further administrative action.

## **Sanctions Specific to Alcohol and Substance Violations**

Sanctions for alcohol and drug-related violations will focus on education and services (when appropriate). The University has several educational, assessment, and counseling programs to individually address substance use and abuse issues. The type of program to which a resident

may be assigned will depend on the nature and seriousness of the violation. These include, but are not limited to:

- Individual substance abuse assessment by a trained counseling professional
- Socializing 101
- BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screening & Intervention for College Students)
- CASICS (Cannabis Screening & Intervention for College Students)
- SHIFT (Student High-risk Intervention for First Time alcohol violations)
- STEPSS (Substance Treatment & Education for Personal Student Success)
- OnTRAC (Treatment, Responsibility & Accountability on Campus)

The severity of the violation will be used in conjunction with recommendations from health care professionals and program specialists to determine which program is most appropriate for the resident. These sanctions are administered through the Office of Student Conduct.

### **Residence Hall Removal**

Residential Life reserves the right to summarily remove any resident from the residence halls in serious cases due to safety considerations, license cancellation, or situations where current medical knowledge and/or the best available objective information demonstrates that the resident poses an actual risk to the health or safety of themselves or others.

Before summarily removing any resident with a disability from the residence halls, the University will complete individualized assessment to determine if there are reasonable accommodations that would permit the resident to continue in their housing status. Any decision to remove a resident will be based upon actual risk, and not mere speculation, stereotypes, or generalizations about individuals with disabilities.

Any decision to summarily remove a resident from the residence halls may be appealed to the Assistant Director of Student Conduct and Safety for Residential Life pursuant to the Appeals Process described below.

The University and Residential Life are not responsible for making alternative housing arrangements or for payment or reimbursement of any costs any resident may incur as a result of being summarily removed from the residence halls. If you have your licenses agreement canceled, you are still financially responsible for all housing and meal plan charges.

## **Appeals Process**

### **Basis for Appeals**



Following the conduct meeting, a resident may not agree with the outcome of the meeting, the assigned sanctions, or any combination of the same. Any resident summarily removed from the residence halls and/or found responsible for a violation of a residence hall policy may request an appeal. The request for an appeal must be completed via the online form listed in the Decision Letter and be submitted within three (3) business days of the date appearing on the Decision Letter. In order to be considered for a formal appeal hearing, the resident's appeal must specify in detail one or more of the following alleged conditions:

- New information has been discovered and was not provided at the original conduct meeting
- The assigned sanction was inappropriate for the policy violation
- Bias or discrimination was displayed during the conduct process
- The conduct process as outlined in these Community Standards was not followed\

### **Appeal hearing options**

The Assistant Director of Student Conduct and Safety for Residential Life will determine if a resident has cause for an appeal. If the appeal request is granted, a formal appeal meeting will be scheduled with an appeals case manager. The decision of who will conduct the appeal hearing will be made based on the severity of the incident, and the ability of those involved to impartially hear the case. Options may include:

- Assistant Director of Student Conduct and Safety for Residential Life
- Assistant Director for Residential Life
- Assistant Director for Residential Education
- Director of Residential Life
- Another department designee

During the appeal hearing, the resident and representatives from Residential Life will have an opportunity to present their information. The resident has the right to have an advisor present during the hearing. For more information on have an advisor, please review the Personal Advisor Section. The decision of who will conduct the appeal meeting and the scheduled time and location will be shared with the resident via the notification letter sent to the email on their MyNevada account.

### **Potential Outcomes of an Appeal**

After the appeals meeting a decision will be shared that will include one or more of the following:

- The finding and original sanction may be upheld
- The original finding (and therefore sanctions) may be dismissed
- The resident's housing status may be reinstated



- The resident may be found "responsible" for all or part of the violation(s) in question. Assigned sanctions may be adjusted
- Sanctions may be decreased, increased, or remain equivalent to the original sanctions
- Policy violations may be modified based on the information provided in the appeal hearing

Any Residential Life action for violations of policy in the residence halls are administrative and may affect a resident's ability to remain in the residence halls. University conduct action related to the Student Code of Conduct may impact a resident's student status. Changes in student status may also affect a resident's ability to remain in the residence halls.

### **Reinstatement**

In the event a resident's housing status is reinstated following an appeal of a summary removal, Residential Life may, if the circumstances of the resident's removal warrant it, establish specific prerequisites to such reinstatement. The goal of such conditions, if any, is to prepare the resident for a successful return to the residence hall community. If the removal was health-related, any conditions or requirements for reinstatement will be based on an individualized assessment of the resident, including consideration of current medical knowledge and/or the best available objective evidence. Careful consideration will be given to the opinions and recommendations of the resident's treating physician or mental health professional, if available.

### **Submitting the appeal form**


If the resident would like to appeal their conduct case, they must submit an Appeal Request form within three (3) business days of the conduct meeting date (located in the Hearing Decision Letter). Once submitted, the Appeal Request will be reviewed by the Assistant Director for Student Conduct and Safety or other designee. While the Appeal Request is being reviewed, the resident is still responsible for following all instructions provided to them during the conduct meeting and completing all sanctions as outlined in the Hearing Decision Letter. The resident will receive an email notification regarding their Appeal Request status (approved or denied to move forward with a hearing) within five (5) business days from the date it was received. If the Appeal Request is approved to move forward with a hearing, the email notification will include information regarding the date, time, and location of the appeal hearing. The Appeal Request form website link will be provided in the Decision Letter. If the resident would like additional accommodations, please contact the Residential Life office at (775) 784-1113.


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