

# Resident Student Code of Conduct

## RSCOC 1—Alcohol

The possession, purchase, consumption or transportation of alcoholic beverages or powdered alcohol by any person under twenty-one (21) years of age is illegal under Illinois law. Students who are 21 years of age or older are permitted to consume alcoholic beverages in moderate quantities in residence hall rooms; however, students are not permitted to consume alcoholic beverages in public places or to dispense alcoholic beverages at functions. Abuse of alcoholic beverages will be considered a violation of university policy, and will not be construed as a mitigating factor when students are involved in violations of university regulations.

The University of Illinois at Chicago Campus Housing staff is committed to maintaining an academic and social environment conducive to the intellectual and personal development of students. Therefore, the use of alcoholic beverages should not interfere with the educational goals of the University and/or the educational atmosphere of the residence halls, and should be consistent with the principles of respect for the rights and privacy of those not participating in the use of alcoholic beverages.

In general, the alcohol policy for the residence halls has been instituted with the understanding that alcoholic beverages may be consumed in accordance with Illinois state law by individuals in student rooms. Inherent in this policy is a recognition of and support for the concept of “responsible drinking”. Responsible drinking includes the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the subsequent behavior that does not adversely affect oneself or other residents within the floor and/or hall communities. The University expects students who choose to consume alcoholic beverages to drink sensibly and responsibly. The basic intent of this policy is to allow students who are of legal drinking age (21) the option to consume alcoholic beverages within their living environment. Students or guests who are not of legal drinking age may not possess or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere in the residence halls. When consuming alcoholic beverages, roommates are expected to be considerate of one another.

Upon violation of any part of this code, residents may be required to dispose of all alcohol in the room immediately. The residence hall staff may relocate all alcohol in the room to another location for removal and/or disposal purposes.

The following conduct is expressly prohibited regardless of age, except where otherwise specified:

1. Consuming or possessing alcohol or alcohol containers while under 21 years of age.

2. Possessing an open alcoholic container in a public area (e.g., hallways, elevators, lounges, cluster bathrooms). Open is defined as any alcohol that is not in its original container and/or with a broken manufacturer's seal.
3. Engaging in loud and/or disruptive behavior due to This includes being visibly intoxicated, vandalism, damage to property, and/or adversely affecting other members of the community.
4. Providing alcohol to someone that is not yet 21 years of age.
5. Having any form of drinking contest/game or devices that facilitate irresponsible drinking (e.g., beer bong, beer pong tables).
6. Consuming alcohol in your room, apartment, and/or cluster in the presence of others under the age of You may consume alcohol in the presence of those under 21 only if those under 21 are residents of that room, apartment, or cluster.
7. Failing to produce valid age identification upon request by University or Campus Housing staff.
8. Possessing alcohol in quantities that exceed 1 quart of hard liquor **or** 1 gallon of wine, champagne, or beer **or** more than one (1) case (24 cans/bottles) of beer.
9. Possessing a keg, mini keg, pony keg, or other similar common source container.
10. Advertising (e.g., flyers, social media, word of mouth) events where alcoholic beverages are served to guests in an individual student room, apartment, and/or cluster.
11. Severe intoxication that results in transport to a medical facility or causes concern for the student's well being.
12. Displaying alcohol container collections and/or displays (empty or unopened).
13. Hosting organized social functions with alcoholic beverages in the residence halls without the expressed, written authorization of the Director of Housing or their designee.

## RSCOC 2—Drugs [🔗](#)

The possession, sale, production, purchase or use of marijuana, habit-forming barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, narcotics, prescription drugs without a valid prescription, or other addictive or illegal drugs on university property is prohibited. The possession or use of drug paraphernalia is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, legal drugs purchased, consumed, produced, or transported illegally. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited:**

1. Being in the presence of illegal drugs.
2. Possession or use of drug paraphernalia (E.g., bong, pipe, vaporizer, or other device or object used to facilitate the use of drugs).
3. The manufacture, sale, or distribution of illegal This includes sharing or otherwise distributing prescription drugs.

## RSCOC 3—Non-Compliance

Students who do not cooperate with University and/or Campus Housing officials in the performance of their duties will be considered to be non-compliant and have such non-compliance factored into assessments of culpability and sanctions. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited:**

1. Attempting to bribe any staff member or student.
2. Failing to comply with a reasonable request or summons (verbal or written) made by a Housing staff member, security guard or other University official.
3. Failing to possess and/or present a valid i-Card when requested or misusing/misrepresenting a form of identification (e.g., residence hall entry, Resident Assistant request during suspected policy violation).
4. Making a knowingly false statement or providing false information to a University or Campus Housing official engaged in the performance of their duty.
5. Interfering with, mistreating or otherwise abusing a staff member and/or their authority.
6. Failing to submit and adhere to a Roommate Agreement The Roommate Agreement form is agreed upon and signed by all residents of a room, apartment, or cluster. Should a problem arise or a breach of the agreement occur, roommates or clustermates have the option to negotiate a new agreement with a residence hall staff member present. Until a new agreement is validated as stated above, the old agreement will remain in effect and all parties must adhere to that agreement.
7. Forging, altering, or using university documents, records or other means of identification with the intent to defraud.

## RSCOC 4—Health, Safety, and Security

Any related activity that compromises or could compromise the safety of the building or others, including, but not limited to, tampering with, disabling, or misusing emergency equipment (e.g. smoke detectors, sprinklers, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, fire/emergency exit doors), or possessing items that could lead to health and safety concerns is strictly prohibited. In the event of a fire alarm, all students must evacuate the building immediately. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited:**

1. Propping any exterior door open as well as bathroom doors.
2. Failure to evacuate a building immediately upon a fire alarm or instruction of Residence Life Staff or other Emergency Response personnel.
3. Tampering with, disabling, or misusing fire alarms or other fire/safety related equipment may result in a fine up to \$500.
4. Misuse of emergency exits. Misuse of an emergency exit may result in a \$100 fine.
5. Intentionally or unintentionally damaging property by fire or explosives or other means or the result of activation of any fire/safety Resident found in violation of this provision could face fines, and restitution for damages.
6. Possessing prohibited items or other items deemed inappropriate by the residence hall staff. Note: Illinois's Concealed Carry law strictly prohibits firearms on university property which includes residence halls. See 430 ILCS 66/65 for more information on prohibited areas. *Please see Prohibited Items section in this handbook.*
7. Possessing any pets or animals that are not If a resident is found to be in possession of a prohibited animal, it will need to be removed immediately. Failure to remove the animal immediately will result in Campus Housing calling animal control for removal. If a resident chooses to have fish in their room, the aquarium may not exceed 30 gallons, and there may be only one aquarium in each room, including shared common space. Campus Housing is not responsible for the health or condition of the fish.
8. Creating or contributing to an environmental hazard that is deemed to be a danger or threat the health and/or safety of any individuals or the community at large.

# RSCOC 5—Violations of Rights of any Person

Violation of the rights of any person is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to actions which are considered hazing, unlawful harassment, sexual misconduct, stalking, or coercion; as well as actions that may cause mental or bodily harm to another person(s) or oneself; or conduct that threatens or endangers the safety of others or constitutes physical or psychological abuse or intimidation; or any other inappropriate or disruptive behavior that evidences poor adjustment to the university community. If you receive a prank, obscene, or harassing phone call or online message, file a police report with the UIC Police at [312-996-2830](tel:312-996-2830) and notify your Resident Assistant, Peer Mentor, and/or Resident Director. Once such a report is filed, the UIC Police will proceed with an investigation. If the police determine that the call was made from a resident student phone or using Housing IP addresses, the Housing Office would be notified in order to consider taking disciplinary action separate from any action the UIC Police may feel is appropriate. If you have voicemails, screen shots, or copies of the harassment, do not erase them before reporting these incidents. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited:**

1. Disregarding the reasonable standards expected and/or set in a community. This includes, but is not limited to, health and safety standards, environmental standards, and/or social interaction standards.
2. Making obscene or harassing phone calls or sending harassing messages to other students or residence hall staff.
3. Participation in hazing of any kind. Hazing includes action or activities that are often associated with initiation or group associations which cause or attempt to cause mental or physical harm or anxiety. These activities are often coupled with actions that are meant to demean, degrade, or disgrace another individual.
4. Harassment and Bullying of Harassment is intentional aggressive behavior towards another that is severe or repeated and seriously interferes with a person's ability to benefit from Campus Housing's programs and services. Bullying is intentional aggressive behavior towards another that is severe or repeated that would be likely to intimidate, hurt, demean, control, or diminish a reasonable person. Bullying and harassment may be physical, verbal, or via electronic means (internet, cell phone, etc.). Violation of the university's non-discrimination policy is also prohibited.
5. Any type of Violence in the residence halls is viewed as inappropriate and will not be tolerated. Battery, assault, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking will be dealt with to the fullest extent allowed by University policy, and criminal charges may also be pursued.
6. Sexual Misconduct—Sexual misconduct is sexual activity between any two persons without consent and is expressly prohibited. The Campus Housing sexual misconduct policy applies to all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex. Consent means permission – a clear “yes” to engage in the sexual activity. Consent can be communicated by words or actions, but it is best to openly discuss what each individual wants to do. Consent for one sexual activity does not transfer or imply consent for another type of sexual activity. Previous consent for sexual activity does not grant automatic consent for future sexual activity with the same person. Silence alone does not constitute consent. Consent is not valid if it is gained by force, threat, or coercion and it must be freely given. Consent is not valid if a person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs (including, but not limited to, “date rape drugs”), or any other physical or mental impairment that makes the individual unable to fully understand the totality of the circumstances of the sexual act. In Illinois, the individual must be at least 17 years old in order to give consent to a sexual act.

1. Sexual Assault includes sexual intercourse, other sexual acts (anal or oral intercourse or penetration by objects other than the penis), and the intentional touching of another person's genitals or breasts, without the consent (as defined above) of the other person.
2. Sexual exploitation is when an individual takes non-consensual or abusive sexual advantage of another individual for the benefit of anyone other than the person being Some examples of sexual exploitation include non-consensual video or audio-taping of sexual activity, going beyond the boundaries of consent (e.g., allowing an individual to hide in the room and watch one partake in consensual sexual activity or posting consensual sexual photos to a website without permission to do so), watching others engage in sexual conduct without them knowing and without their consent.
3. Sexual harassment is broadly defined as unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. This includes, but is not limited to, requests for sexual favors, sexual advances, and other verbal/non-verbal or physical conduct that is serious or pervasive enough to reasonably interfere with or limit a person's ability to participate in or benefit from UIC Campus Housing's programs or services.

If you have been a victim of sexual misconduct, please see the resources listed elsewhere in this handbook.

# RSCOC 6—Unauthorized Entry/Keys

You are responsible for your room keys and are to have them in your possession at all times. The unauthorized entrance into the rooms of other students is prohibited. The unauthorized entry into or use of university facilities as well as the illegal possession, duplication or unauthorized use of keys to any university facility is also prohibited. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited.**

1. Failure to return keys upon departure from campus housing. If an evicted resident does not return keys upon departure or has forced Campus Housing to change the locks because of the lack of communication with the Associate Director, they will be charged the fee to change the room/cluster locks.
2. Possessing keys for more than one room, cluster, or Other than during a room change, you should never be in possession of keys for more than one room, cluster, or apartment. If you are found to be in possession of keys for more than one room, cluster, or apartment, you will be billed \$15 per day for every day you have more than one set of keys.
3. Failure to return a loaner key within one hour of checking it The loaner key is issued for one hour and there is no charge for borrowing it for this time period. If the loaner key is not returned within the one-hour time limit, you may be charged for the core of your locks to be changed and for replacement keys to your room. If you live in a suite, cluster or apartment, you may be charged for all of the affected doors.
4. Excessive use of loaner keys. Students may only check out loaner keys three times in one week or five times in one semester. Students may required to a meet with their Assistant/Resident Director after three (3) loaner key checkouts. Misuse or overuse of this service may result in the revocation of loaner key services and charges assessed to change the core of your locks and order replacement keys.
5. Failure to present keys when When a resident has used the loaner key service three (3) times, they will be contacted by staff and asked to present their room key. When a resident has used the service five (5) times, they will be asked to present their room key again. If a room key cannot be presented at any time by the request of a staff member, a core change and replacement keys will be ordered by housing staff and the resident will be charged.
6. The misplacement or loss of Campus Housing keys. If you lose any of your keys, you must request a new key immediately through the Area Residence Life Any residents who need an emergency or after hours re-core will be charged \$180 for the lock change plus \$8 per key. The replacement costs for lost, damaged, or stolen keys follows:
  1. Damaged or Broken Keys – \$8.00
  2. Lost Mail or Closet Key (no core change) – \$8.00
  3. Lost Mail or Closet Key (core change) – \$90.00
  4. Lost Entrance Key – \$25.00
  5. Lost Room Key (automatic core change) – \$98.00
  6. Lost Room FOB (ARC room key replacement) – \$50.00
  7. Emergency Core Change (after business hours) – \$180.00

7. Transferring, duplicating or lending Campus Housing issued keys. Possessing unauthorized university keys is also strictly prohibited. Residents may be charged for replacement keys, re-coring, and other related expenses due to unauthorized key transfer, duplication, or other related conduct.
8. Unauthorized entry to or use of the residence halls. Unauthorized entry into any university office is prohibited and may constitute trespassing which may be pursued by university police.
9. Entering a public bathroom or other area that has been designated closed for cleaning by the building services staff or for repair by other University staff.
10. Presence on roof areas, in attics, or other exterior portions of the building, or climbing into or out a window or on top of an elevator.
11. Being present in common area bathrooms that are intended for use by opposite single gender; individuals may not be present in bathrooms designated for use by a gender different from their own.



# RSOC 7—Disruptive Behavior

Disorderly or indecent conduct on university property is prohibited. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited:**

1. Disorderly conduct or behavior, including fighting, assault, indecent exposure, throwing any liquid or objects or participating in a water fight, food fight or behavior that endangers the health and safety of oneself or others.
2. Impeding freedom of movement of persons within and around the residence halls.
3. Partaking in conduct which is disorderly, lewd, or indecent and/or creating a breach of peace.
4. Gambling of any kind in the residence halls. Gambling includes raffles, illegal wagering, unauthorized games/ contests of chance, and other related conduct.
5. Running or operating or assisting in operating a commercial business of any kind (including e-commerce) from a residence hall room, cluster, apartment, or suite.
6. The throwing or dropping of objects or any type of liquid out of windows and off balconies, ledges or roofs is prohibited. Being on a building roof or ledge is prohibited.
7. Causing excessive noise and/or disruptive behavior, failing to abide by quiet hours, and/or disturbances of others living in the Behavior of this nature will not be tolerated due to the close proximity of academic buildings, retail vendors, and the educational role of the residence halls.
8. Failure to comply with quiet Quiet Hours are times when all noise must be kept to a minimum. Any noise beyond a reasonably minimal level during quiet hours is not permitted. Individual floors may make the quiet hours beginning and ending times more restrictive as part of their community standards. Courtesy Quiet Hours are in effect at all times in Campus Housing facilities. This means that at any time, a resident, UIC neighbor or retail vendor may ask another resident or their guest to reduce the noise to a reasonable level. Please respect such requests of others and try to determine a compromising noise level before involving Campus Housing staff. The Residence Life staff may use a decibel meter to determine whether or not noise is at a reasonable level. Quiet Hours are in effect during the following periods in all Campus Housing facilities:
  1. Sunday – Thursday from 10:00pm – 8:00am
  2. Friday – Saturday from 1:00am – 10:00am
  3. Last Week of Classes and Finals Week – 24 hours a day
  4. Courtesy Quiet Hours – 24/7
9. Use of subwoofers and other speakers over 100 Residence Hall staff may ask that the source of the excessive noise be removed from the residence halls immediately. If the excessive noise continues, the staff may remove the source (e.g., amplifier, radio, stereo).

# RSCOC 8—University and Personal Property

Theft of property, including intellectual property, cable services and internet services, or the appropriation of any university property such as lounge furniture, dining room equipment, or laboratory equipment for unauthorized use is prohibited. Damaging, defacing or deliberately destroying or tampering with property (including cable TV and internet equipment, vending, laundry or game machines) or action which could cause damage to such property is prohibited. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited:**

1. Storing bicycles in hallways or other indoor public areas. Bicycles may be stored in a resident's room, but may not be kept in residence hall public areas such as corridors or lounges.
2. Locking bicycles to unauthorized areas like buildings, building signs, or other non-bike racks on MRH, TBH & JST have indoor bike rooms; access can be given by the Area Residence Life Office.
3. Unauthorized interference with the use, sale/transfer, or conversion/theft of private property belonging to the University or others students. Engaging in this type of activity will result in sanctions and possible restitution from not only Campus Housing, but possible involvement with University Police.
4. Starting a fire of any kind inside the residence Failure to report any intentional or accidental fire will result in disciplinary sanction.
5. Unauthorized modification, interference, or damage of residence hall facilities or equipment. This includes, but is not limited to, tampering with an elevator, vandalism, refuse left in hallways, intentional and unintentional damage, adding any type of private security system or an additional or different lock to the doors or windows. This includes attaching antennas or other device on the exterior of the building. Any movement of a window screen or window from its intended position is strictly Only the lower interior movable window may be raised or lowered. Residents will be individually charged for damages they or their guests cause and for those caused by their appliances (e.g., lamps, clocks, radios) or other possessions. Residents are responsible for their actions. If actions result in damage to personal property, the resident(s) will be responsible for the restitution or replacement of the damaged property. Charges for damages (including administrative costs) are based upon actual repair or replacement costs to restore the room or facility to its original condition. You will also be liable for any extra or unusual housekeeping or administrative service that may be necessitated by these actions. Residents responsible for damage, whether it be in common areas or in their own rooms, clusters, suites, or apartments, will be billed for the labor and materials required to repair damages. Common area damage attributed to vandalism or misuse will be billed to the entire hall, floor or complex if the person(s) responsible cannot be identified. The residence life staff will make the determination about which group of students to bill. Individual residents found responsible for vandalism anywhere in or around the residence halls will be subject to discipline, including, but not limited to, restitution for the damage.
6. Unauthorized use of Campus Housing cable, printing, internet, or other Cable TV and internet is available to all residents for an additional fee. The stealing or misuse of Cable TV, internet, printing, and other services or tampering with the Cable TV/internet signal or jacks will result in charges for service for the entire school year, repair of any damage caused, and potential legal penalties.
7. Residents may only cook in designated areas, which include common area kitchens and apartment kitchen areas in SSR, MRH, and TBH. Cooking is permitted in residence hall rooms with appliances as allowed in the Appliances section of these policies and procedures. Cooking appliances should be

used only for cooking food. Do not leave your cooking unattended; this can be a fire hazard. The use of micro-refrigerators for cooking in rooms is permitted.

8. The use of non-UL approved electrical equipment and/or overloading circuits. All electrical equipment used must be UL approved and properly Overloading of circuits presents a fire hazard and must be avoided. Multiple wall sockets and prongs are not permitted. Extension cords are allowed as long as they are: 12- or 14-gauge wire, have a UL (Underwriters Laboratory) approval sticker, and are not damaged in any way. Use of halogen lights are prohibited. Use of a power strip with a circuit breaker is allowed.
9. Violations of policy in areas adjacent to residence halls.
10. The presence and/or use of motorized vehicles within the residence hall. Motor vehicles may only be parked outside the residence halls where authorized.
11. Posting notices, flyers, or other similar advertisements larger than 11"x17" and/or without approval from Campus Housing or their designee. Upon approval, residents will be advised of specific locations of bulletin board spaces reserved for the purpose of personal notice posting. The following organizations/individuals are permitted to publicize within Campus Housing facilities with the approval of the Assistant Director or their designee: Campus Housing, Residence Hall Association, National Residence Hall Honorary, Student Centers, Athletic Departments, Academic Units, Campus Ministries, currently registered UIC student organizations, other campus units approved by the Assistant Director or their designee, and resident students needing or offering a tutoring service, needing or offering rides, buying or selling textbooks, or wishing to find someone to take over their residence hall contract. Any other reasons for posting material would need to be reviewed by the Assistant Director or their designee.
12. Posting materials outside of the following Publicity Guide Lines..
  1. All publicity must be approved by the Residence Life Assistant Director or their designee.
  2. Materials must not indicate that alcoholic beverages will be provided.
  3. No offensive or sexually suggestive language, pictures, graphics or drawings may appear.
  4. Materials to be placed in residents' mailboxes must be no larger than 8 ½" X 14".
  5. Flyers and posters to be placed in public and residential areas of Campus Housing facilities must be no larger than 11" X 17".
  6. Banners (any publicity exceeding 11" X 17") and any form of publicity are subject to approval based on space availability in residence hall facilities.
  7. Residents may not hang banners or signs outside their windows or outside of any residence hall without permission of Campus Housing staff.
  8. All approved flyers, posters, and materials to be placed in residents' mailboxes will be distributed and/or posted by Campus Housing staff These materials must be delivered at least three working days prior to the event. Approved banners must be posted and removed by the sponsoring organization.

13. Unauthorized door-to-door solicitation. No group or individual other than Campus Housing staff or Campus Housing Leadership Organization (Hall Councils, NRHH, PBMA, RHA, Sisters) are permitted to go door-to-door to solicit, sell, advertise, or in any way promote an event, organization, or cause in the residence halls.
14. Soliciting, selling, or advertising in public spaces in or outside of residence halls that does not conform to the following guidelines.
  1. No group or individual may be in any of the public areas of the residence halls to solicit, sell, advertise, or in any way promote an event, organization or cause without the approval of the Residence Life Desk Supervisor or their designee. Official UIC organizations or departments are allowed to distribute information, have a bake sale at tables in the lobbies of the residence halls.
  2. Reservations must be made at least three working days in advance with the full-time support staff or their designee.
  3. The Residence Life Assistant Director or their designee must approve the information and/or set-up prior to the table being staffed or set-up.
  4. Voter registration tables will be permitted.
  5. Groups not officially connected with UIC must have the expressed, written approval of the Residence Life Assistant Director to have a lobby table.
  6. Groups, except for Campus Housing and its organizations, can't slide publications under residents' doors. Postings are only permitted in designated area.
15. Playing sports, using recreation equipment, or playing active games in the in the residence hall corridors/rooms. This includes, but not limited to, the use of skateboards, hoverboards, bicycles, unicycles, roller blades, scooters, wheeled gym shoes, or roller skates in a resident's room or in public areas is prohibited.
16. Being in possession, displaying, and/or harboring any stolen This includes, but is not limited to, highway signs, public transportation signs (e.g., CTA, Metra)), and University property.
17. Moving, interfering with the use of, or stealing University/Campus Housing equipment or furniture from its original location (e.g., a lounge, any public or common area, or a storage or maintenance area) to a resident's room or any other area. Students may be found financially responsible if found in violation of this provision.
18. Misusing dining privileges (e.g. taking food out of the cafeteria, "pass backs" of i-Card, unauthorized transfer or tampering with meal plans, entering the cafeteria without properly paying, removing dishes or silverware from the cafeteria), failing to remove garbage and other messes created by the individual. Failure to follow this provision may lead to financial sanctions.
19. Unauthorized room No person should change rooms until receiving proper authorization from the staff in the Central Housing Office. A resident moving without approval may be required to move back, may be assessed a service charge, and may face disciplinary action. Room change guidelines are listed in a separate section of this Resident Student Handbook. Residents may receive additional information about authorized room changes from their RA, Resident Director or the Associate Director for Administration in the Housing Office. Typically, 48 hours is given to change rooms.

20. Failing to abide by Campus Housing's Room Decorating Guidelines:

21. Beds in most buildings can be The Facilities Office in each area has the pegs needed for students to do this. All beds must be returned to their original placement, not bunked, when students move out. Bunk-beds must not block windows or smoke detectors. Exchanging headboards and footboards to raise or lower beds is prohibited as this can weaken the frame. Lofting the beds is only permissible with a rented lofting system from Bedloft.com. All other lofts are not allowed and will be confiscated if found.

1. Extensive construction is not permitted. Examples of non-complying construction include: Construction that blocks room exit; raising the floor level by the use of constructed platforms; attaching materials such as cardboard or paneling to the walls, floors or ceiling; direct splicing into the building electrical, telephone, television or computer lines; construction of bunks or lofts.
2. The addition of burnable materials to the room is to be kept to a minimum. The amount of wood used to construct anything is of serious concern. Use of cloth, fish netting, paper or any other burnable material to provide a false ceiling is particularly hazardous and therefore not allowed. No natural vegetation of a combustible nature will be permitted. Christmas trees, evergreen boughs, branches with dead leaves and straw are examples of natural materials that are considered hazardous and thus not permitted. No more than 50% of the wall space should be covered with burnable materials (e.g., papers, photos, posters, cloth).
3. No waterbeds are Residents who install or use waterbeds in any room will be asked to remove the waterbeds immediately and may face disciplinary action.
4. Walls and ceilings may not be painted. A regular cycle of room painting by University painters is in place. To add variety, decorative posters and pictures may be hung on walls using blue painter's masking tape in PSR, SRC, MRH, TBH, and JST and with pushpins in SSR. Residents will be responsible for paint damage or any damage to the walls from nails or tape.
5. Construction, decorations or arrangement of furnishings in a manner that hinders exit from a room will not be Likewise, bunked beds cannot be assembled in a way that blocks access to the smoke detectors, doors and windows. Doors must be free to open to their designed width. Area rugs are permitted, but cannot hinder the natural swing of the door.
6. Furniture may not be moved from its intended room Permanently fixed furniture may not be detached. Freestanding furniture in clusters, apartments and other rooms may be moved around within the assigned space. Residents are responsible for their designated furniture. In the event that furniture is missing from the space, the resident will be charged. Resident room furniture may not be moved out and stored or taken out of the building. Mattresses must remain on the bed frames. No furniture or heavy objects may be stacked on other furniture/room equipment. In particular, beds or bed frames cannot be placed on heat/air units or dressers. As stated above, if residents bunk their beds or exchange head/footboards to raise or lower their beds, these changes should be undone at the end of the contract period. Since it is necessary to prepare rooms to be used in the summer for conference groups, residents who leave rooms or furniture in a condition other than they how they found them will be charged or fined an amount sufficient to cover the costs involved in undoing damage or changes.
7. Nothing may be extended beyond the interior of the building or beyond the doorway of the resident's room into the corridor. This includes, but is not limited to, outside antennas, posters or banners.

## RSCOC 9—Smoking

UIC is a tobacco-free campus (including smokeless tobacco products). “Tobacco Products” is defined as all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookahs), chew, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, and smokeless tobacco products. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited.**

1. The use or possession of any tobacco product as defined above or the smoking of any other substance in residence halls, university buildings and vehicles, and in private vehicles while on campus. Being found in violation could result in confiscation of tobacco products or related paraphernalia or fines for damage to the building and/or cleaning costs.

# RSCOC 10—Guests

Resident students are always responsible for the actions of their guests. Guests must be signed in and out at all times and escorted by the resident host at all times. A guest is defined as any individual who does not reside within your specific room. **The following conduct is expressly prohibited:**

1. Failing to properly supervise your guest – all guest(s) must be escorted by the hosting resident at all times. Guests are not permitted to be in the halls if the hosting resident is not present. The host will be responsible for informing their guest of all University and Campus Housing policies and regulations. The host may be subject to conduct action for their guest's misconduct and may be liable for any damage caused by them. Residence hall staff reserve the right to immediately escort from the building non-residents who are exhibiting behavior described as inappropriate in the Resident Student Handbook. A resident may not host a guest in the residence halls who is not permitted to visit due to previous violations of policy or other conditions as determined by the residence hall staff; the host will be held liable for conduct action and the guest will be asked to leave immediately.
2. Residents may only have up to three (3) guests total at any one time in their room; in JST, MRH, and TBH, the total number of guests in an apartment or suite is limited to 12.
3. Allowing a guest into a residence hall without following required security. All guests need to be signed in and out at the front desk 24 hours a day. UIC student guests should provide their i-Card; non-UIC guests should provide government issued photo ID. Exceptions for other IDs may be approved by the Resident Director or their designee. If a guest is not properly signed out, the resident will receive guest verification emails, which may result in a conversation with Campus Housing staff.
4. Failure to comply with the following provisions for certain special populations of guests.
  - An overnight guest must be at least 10 years of age.
  - Overnight guests may stay no more than three (3) nights in any two (2)-week period in Campus Housing.
  - Only one overnight guest is permitted per room.
  - No overnight guests are permitted during final examination week.