

RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS OF LIVING

The University's Student Code of Conduct applies to all students of South Dakota Board of Regent-controlled schools. Additionally, all such students and visitors are obligated to comply with the Residential Standards of Living (including Residence Life Policies and Procedures listed herein). Under the concept of Joint Responsibility, all individuals who are present in a residential room, apartment and/or suite where/when University policies are violated are subject to documentation and Student Code of Conduct action. Residential students are responsible for offenses that may occur in their room whether or not present at the time.

RESIDENTS' EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a residential student, it is reasonable for you to expect:

- A relatively safe, clean and well-maintained residence hall space.
- A quality learning environment conducive to your academic and social pursuits.
- Privacy and the proportionate use of your room, both in terms of space and time, and the right to be free of unwanted guests in your room.
- Recreation and relaxation; and
- The assistance of your Resident Assistant (RA) or Complex Director (CD) when you need help with a problem.

As a residential student, you have the responsibility:

- To confront another's behavior that infringes on your rights.
- To keep your door and hall doors locked, and not to prop them open, allow in strangers, or guests without a resident escort/ registration.
- To keep common areas neat, clean and damage free, and to straighten up common areas after use.
- To observe quiet/courtesy hours, keep your stereo, television, other electronics and your voice at a reasonable volume in the residence hall and to remind others you expect the same of them.
- To let your roommate know of your wishes and preference for hours of sleep, study and visitation, and to work through any difference you may have in a peaceful manner, within the guidelines provided by Black Hills State University.
- To know and abide by the laws of the state of South Dakota, including those that pertain to alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs.
- To follow the rules and regulations as stated by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Black Hills State University.
- To support the educational mission of Black Hills State University and to sustain an environment conducive to living and learning in the hall, examine your own behavior when confronted by another and work toward resolving conflicts. You also have the responsibility to confront others in a non-aggressive and non-threatening manner.
- To notify a staff person of your problem in a timely manner and to cooperate with them as they work with you to resolve the problem.
- To read information provided for you by Black Hills State University and Residence Life staff, especially the Residence Life Standards of Living/Policies and Procedures and the Student Code of Conduct.
- To participate in wing and hall meetings and share responsibility for adhering to and enforcing community policies and guidelines.

Fire Safety

Minimally, a \$50 fine will be issued for a first-offense violation of the following Fire Safety Violations (second offenses doubled, etc.):

- Open flame devices including candles, incense and smoking, E-cigarette and Vape Pen use is considered smoking.