

# Community Living Standards

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COMMUNITY LIVING STANDARDS

The *Community Living Standards* are a set of policies all residents and their guests agree to abide by to help provide a safe and secure community. Violations of the *Community Living Standards* may result in appropriate disciplinary sanctions, including housing agreement cancellation and a restriction from being present on any University of Alaska residential campus, and are considered violations of the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) *Student Code of Conduct* (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/student-freedoms-rights-and-responsibilities/student-code-of-conduct/>).

Residents may [contact \(/residence-life/contact.cshtml\)](/residence-life/contact.cshtml) a Residence Life staff member for assistance addressing behaviors and/or conditions that negatively impact the comfort or safety of members of the community. Residents also have the option to submit an [Information Report \(https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofAlaska&layout\\_id=70\)](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofAlaska&layout_id=70) on the Dean of Students website. In the event residents are informed that they must remove an item from campus or come into compliance with a policy, Residence Life staff will return within the designated time frame to recheck the space, generally 24 hours later.

Students are expected to be knowledgeable of all University policies and signed agreements, including, but not limited to, the *Student Code of Conduct* (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/student-freedoms-rights-and-responsibilities/student-code-of-conduct/>), the *UAA Student Handbook* (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/>),



## Community Living Standards and Policy Enforcement

Residence Life staff members are obligated to address and report violations of policy according to established procedures. At its discretion, and with consistency as a top priority, Residence Life investigates reports and evidence of policy violations. Investigations may include interviewing residents, interviewing involved individuals, performing inspections, partnering with the University Police Department, reviewing residents' card swipe history, etc. In most instances, inspections performed by Residence Life staff members are limited to visual inspections (i.e. what can be plainly seen inside a suite or apartment without opening drawers, cabinets, bags, boxes, etc.), unless the situation necessitates a more thorough approach. To the greatest extent possible, while still taking seriously our obligation to enforce policy, the privacy of our residents is respected. Residence Life staff members are trained and certified in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

All Residence Life staff members are designated as Responsible Employees (<https://www.alaska.edu/equity/title-ix/compliance/responsible-employee/>), which means that they are obligated by law to report any information related to a Title IX incident to the Office of Equity & Compliance. Residents should be aware when confiding in members of the Residence Life staff on topics including harassment, stalking, discrimination, dating or domestic violence, or sexual misconduct that this information must often be reported outside of our office. To the greatest extent possible, Residence Life protects the identity and privacy of individuals involved in these types of incidents. The extent to which anonymity can be honored generally depends on the measures and resources in which the resident is interested (for example, Residence Life needs to know the name of a resident who wishes to change

their room assignment). At a minimum, details of incidents, including the names of individuals involved, are required by law to be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.



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Residence Life staff members are also designed as Campus Security Authorities (CSA) by the federal law known as the Clery Act. This

information regarding certain crimes to the University Police Department (UPD) in order for UPD to determine if a timely warning should be sent to the community. More information regarding [Campus Security Authorities \(/students/dean-of-students/clery-act/campus-security-authority.cshtml\)](/students/dean-of-students/clery-act/campus-security-authority.cshtml) can be found on the Dean of Students website.

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# Special Policies and Procedures Related to COVID-19

The following policies are meant to either supplement or replace on a temporary basis the rules and regulations found in the *Housing and Dining Agreement* and the *Community Living Standards* listed below.

The following language is supplemental to the *Emergency Response* policy in the *Community Living Standards*:

- Residence Life reserves the right to notify the emergency contact of residents who test positive for COVID-19

The following language is considered to be part of the *Community Living Standards* until further notice:

- Masks are required to be worn in all common areas on residential campus, including all spaces inside residence halls outside of individual bedrooms or bathrooms/stalls and in the Gorsuch Commons under the following circumstances:
  - While a student is moving into an isolation space, or transitioning off-campus after testing positive for COVID-19 or



being symptomatic

- Anytime a student interacts with another person while in isolation, or when transitioning to isolation housing
- Anytime a UAA employee requests that a resident wears a mask while acting in their official capacity and the employee

Exceptions to this policy must be granted in writing by [Disability Support Services \(/students/disability-support-services/\)](#) for students or by [UA Human Resources \(https://alaska.edu/hr/ada/\)](https://alaska.edu/hr/ada/) for visitors/employees.

# Residential Communities Policies

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| Facilities and Safety  | + |
| Civility   | - |
| <h2>Hostile Living Environment</h2> <p>The Department of Residence Life prohibits harassing behavior by residents or their guests so severe or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or hostile living or learning environment. Residence Life is deeply committed to protecting our residents' right to free speech, but does not permit that speech to be expressed in a manner that is intimidating or creates a hostile environment.</p> <h2>Felonies and Misdemeanor Sex Crimes Disclosure</h2> <p>Residents are required to disclose to Residence Life 1) any felony, in general, or 2) any felony or misdemeanor sex crime charges or convictions from the time they submit their housing</p> |   |



application through the duration of their time living on-campus. Disclosures must be made within 10 days of the charges or conviction being filed and can be made directly to the Director of Residence Life either in writing or by setting up an appointment. The information submitted by the resident will be

if living on campus is an appropriate student. Depending on the circumstances, the University may place an interim restriction on the resident until the conclusion of the student conduct process.

Please note that this is an extension of a similar policy requiring disclosure of this information on the housing application. Failing to disclose this information on the housing application will likely result in the resident being addressed through the student conduct process. The conduct or incident leading to the charges or conviction after the housing application has been submitted may be subject to review under the *Student Code of Conduct* (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/student-freedoms-rights-and-responsibilities/student-code-of-conduct/>).

## Gambling

Gambling and sponsoring raffles or pools with the chance for monetary gain on the residential campus is prohibited.

## Lasers

Residents are prohibited from possessing class 2 and 3 lasers on the residential campus. Laser pointers intended for use during presentations or other academic activities are permitted, but should never be pointed at another person or inside another resident's suite or apartment.

## Guest Policy

Residents may host guests according to the following policies:

- You are responsible for accompanying your guests at all times. It is your responsibility as a resident to ensure your guests follow all University policies and procedures.



- Residence Life staff members may ask any guest to leave UAA's residential community
- Each resident may have no more than 3 guests at one time.
- Hosts who reside in the residence halls are responsible for checking in their guests at their residence hall front desk
- Guests must be checked out at the front desk when the desk is started.

- When requested by University officials, all residence hall guests must present a valid form of government-issued identification that includes a photo, their date of birth and card identification number. This ID is required to check-in a guest.
- The rights of residents supersede the rights of the guest. Overnight guests are permitted only if all residents of the apartment/suite have been informed and have given their consent.
- An individual is defined as an overnight guest if they are present in a building as a guest any time between 1:00 a.m and 8:00 a.m.
- Guests may stay no more than three consecutive nights on residential campus. Regardless of the number of residents who host them, a guest may not stay longer than eight nights in a 30-day period on the residential campus.
- Students found abusing the guest policy are subject to disciplinary action, which may result in loss of guest privileges.

*Minor Guest Visitation Policy: Guests 16 & 17 Years of Age*

- Any individual 16 or 17 years of age may visit and also stay overnight in a residence hall or apartment if their parent or guardian provides written permission to Residence Life a minimum of 2 business days in advance of the guest's arrival.
- Whenever possible, written permission from the parent or guardian must be given by submitting the following online form: [DRL Waiver: Adult Signing for Minor Guest on Residential Campus \(smartwaiver.com\)](https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ec5c46bef6fd/web/)
- If the parent or guardian cannot access the online form, permission can be submitted via some other medium or



given verbally to a Residence Life staff member. The information provided must include:

- Permission can be granted for up to one semester though the limits on overnight guests still apply
  - the parent or guardian's phone number

of the minor, parent/guardian and host of the proposed stay

- the date of birth of the minor guest
- A staff member from Residence Life will contact parents or guardians who submit permission forms to verify the information in the form. The minor guest is not permitted to visit campus until the permission form (or via another verified medium) has been submitted by the parent or guardian and verified by a Residence Life staff member.
- This provision does not apply to approved camps and programs using our residential buildings for approved activities.
- Please note: current residents under the age of 18 are exempt from the parent/guardian permission requirement as a guest when visiting a residence hall or apartment other than their own. However, the guest policies apply equally to the guests of residents under the age of 18.

*Minor Guest Visitation Policy: Guests 15 Years of Age & Younger*

Any individual younger than 16 years of age is not permitted to be a guest or stay overnight on residential campus. An exception to this policy may be requested by residents for their own children or children for whom they are the legal guardian.

Requests for exception should be emailed to

[uaa\\_residencelife@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_residencelife@alaska.edu)

([mailto:uaa\\_residencelife@alaska.edu](mailto:uaa_residencelife@alaska.edu)) with the subject

"Request for Exception: Minor Guest Policy."

Visitors younger than 16 years of age may only enter the residence halls accompanied by their parent or guardian, who must accompany them during their entire visit and only between the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. In the event the resident is the parent or guardian, the minor guest is permitted to be



present on the residential campus between 8:00 am and 10:00 pm with no permission or notification to Residence Life

required.

Please note: This provision does not apply to approved camps and programs using the residence halls for approved activities.

## Inciting or Participating in a Fight or Riot

Residents shall not incite or participate in a physical or verbal fight or riot. Fighting is defined as, but not limited to, inciting a fight through physical, online, telephone, verbal, non-verbal or written communications; biting, scratching, hitting, striking, slapping, kicking, throwing or shooting an object; contacting or attempting to contact any other person with the intent to harm.

## Interference with University Officials

Interfering with University officials in the performance of their duties or preventing or attempting to prevent staff from conducting their administrative or disciplinary responsibilities is prohibited.

## Joint Responsibility

If a student is present in their own or any other suite or apartment or area where a University policy is being violated, they are subject to the same disciplinary action as a resident who is responsible for the violation. In some situations, this may also include violations that occur within an adjoining room in a suite, regardless of whether or not the student is present in the room in which the violation(s) occurred.

## Excessive Noise/Quiet Hours

Creating excessive noise which is disruptive to other students either inside or outside of residential buildings is prohibited. Noise may be deemed disruptive if it can be heard through a





closed door and/or two doors down. Students must respond courteously to requests to reduce noise and to respectfully approach others with requests for noise reduction.

Quiet hours are from:

10:00 am Friday and Saturday

- Courtesy hours are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
  - 24-hour quiet hours go into effect during final exam periods
- Use of amplified instruments in residential community rooms or common spaces is prohibited. Placement of sound equipment or speakers in windows and common areas of the residential community without the express permission of Residence Life professional staff is prohibited.

## Roommate Conflicts

Residents are expected to resolve conflicts amongst themselves to the best of their abilities. Residents may get assistance from Residence Life staff for mediating conflict. When conflicts are unable to be resolved amicably, all residents involved in the conflict may be required to relocate to new living spaces.

## Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus Policy

The entirety of the residential campus and its facilities are subject to the University of *Alaska Smoke & Tobacco Free Campus Policy*. Smoking and all forms of tobacco, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, snuff, e-cigarettes, e-hookahs, vaping devices and chewing tobacco are not permitted in any residential communities, on the UAA campus and all UA properties. Smoking inside a building on the residential campus may result in cleaning fees being assessed to the resident's student account. Please refer to this website for more information regarding the [Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus Policy](#) (</about/initiative/tobacco-free>).

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Residents shall not take or possess another's property without permission of the owner. This includes, but is not limited to, property of a roommate, resident, any other individual, company

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