

Community Standards

By applying for University Housing, you are agreeing to abide by University Housing policies.

All residents of a housing unit and its staff are responsible for reporting all violations of University policies and civil laws with which they are confronted. Judicial procedures, both on and off campus, may be used in enforcing these regulations.

Further, it is the responsibility of individual residents to know, understand, and comply with existing state and local statutes, codes, and regulations relating to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Violators of the regulations must accept full individual responsibility for their actions and cannot expect the University to provide them with immunity from civil or criminal prosecution. In no case will intoxication be considered as a defense in a judicial proceeding.

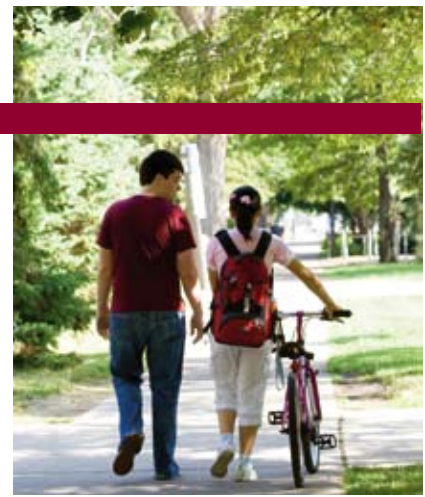
Alcohol is strictly prohibited in all residence halls, except for Centennial Hall, Mark G. Yudof Hall, Wilkins Hall, and University Village. This means that even if residents or guests are 21 years or older, they cannot consume or possess alcoholic beverages.

Privacy

Your room or apartment is considered private, and the administration may not enter it without your consent except for reasonable cause in the following cases: (1) for prearranged health and safety checks, maintenance, or repair; (2) in case of an emergency; (3) when there is a clear and present indication that a crime is being committed; or (4) when University regulations are being violated.

When a staff member enters your room or apartment to protect University property or under unusual circumstances, she or he will leave a notification of entry stating who was in the room and when. Such notification will not be left if you request that work be done or for normal periodic service requirements, e.g., by the Department of Environmental Health, insurance underwriters, or Housing & Residential Life personnel during semester breaks.

All other areas of University Housing are considered public. Housing & Residential Life determines the use of public space.



Housing Regulations

In addition to our Housing & Residential Life policies, our residence hall and apartment communities have established community standards to assist in providing a positive and respectful environment for all students who live with us. As part of the community standards, you and your roommate will be asked to complete a roommate agreement that will assist you in discussing expectations for living together. When discussing your expectations with your roommate, you will need to agree on guest options for your room/apartment.

General Guest Provisions:

- You must accompany your non-resident guests at all times while they are visiting your house/floor or individual room/apartment. Only invited guests are covered by the room/apartment's policy on guest hours. Unescorted persons will be asked to leave the hall or apartment complex.
- Residents may not have overnight guests under the age of 12 in University Housing.
- You may have guests stay overnight in your residence hall or apartment. Guests may not stay longer than 5 consecutive nights and cannot stay a total of more than 15 nights in any given semester. A limited number of rollaway beds are available through the information/reception desk. Consult your CA for further information about the guest options. Residents must obtain room/apartment mate permission(s) for overnight guests.



University Housing Regulations 2008-2009

Students are considered adults, and university-student relations are founded on this principle. The University Student Conduct Code and these University Housing Regulations govern all students. The regulations that follow pertain specifically to residence hall and apartment living, whenever you are on the grounds or within the University Housing system. If you violate any of these regulations, a complaint will be filed against you. The complaint will be heard either through an administrative conference process with the Residence Director/Assistant Director or through a formal hearing process, with the Student Conduct Board, the Coordinator of Residential Life Judicial Affairs, or, in some instances, the University's Campus Committee on Student Behavior.

Any behavior that would endanger the safety or well being of other residents or the University Housing system could result in your interim suspension from University Housing or relocation to another University Housing assignment.

You are responsible for the use of your room/apartment, and you are responsible for your guests and their behavior while they are in the residence hall, apartment or on university housing property. The University may bring disciplinary action against you for your guest's behavior.

If you have any questions about the interpretation or enforcement of these rules, please contact a staff member at Housing & Residential Life.

1. Pets

Pets (animals) are not permitted within the residence hall/apartment complex. Fish in aquariums (10 gallons or less) and certified service animals are the only exceptions.

2. Weapons

You may not possess guns, ammunition, or any other weapons (including, but not limited to knives, darts, BB/pellet guns, paintball guns, and swords or any blade longer than 4 inches) anywhere on University Housing premises. Guns may be stored at the University Police Department. Because of their potential to cause damage, paint guns are also prohibited.

3. Gambling and Games of Chance

Gambling or activities involving the use or exchange of money during or at the close of playing a game is strictly prohibited within the residence hall and University apartments. This includes sports pools, entertainment pools, online gambling using the University's network, etc.

4. Electrical

Residents in residence halls (all buildings with the exception of University Village, Wilkins Hall, Yudof Hall) are not allowed to have or use hazardous electrical appliances and cooking appliances, including: any appliances with open heating elements including, but not limited to oil pop corn makers, countertop grills, pizza bakers/carousels, quesadilla makers, countertop sandwich makers, toasters, hot plates, toaster ovens, etc.

5. Appliances

Only refrigerators that are 4.3 cubic feet or smaller and microwave ovens using no more than 700 watts are allowed except for use in University-designated kitchen areas (e.g., apartment kitchens, residence hall kitchenettes). No other major appliances, including air conditioners or dishwasher units, are permitted.

6. Smoking

Smoking any substance or creating smoke is not permitted in the residence halls/apartment complexes. This includes all public areas and all resident rooms and apartments. Smoking is not allowed within 25 feet of any University building/facility. Designated smoking areas are located outside of the hall/apartments. Chewing tobacco is also not permitted inside the public areas within the residence hall/apartment complexes.

7. Fire Hazard

It is prohibited to have open flames or other materials that constitute fire hazards on University housing property. Candles, candle warmers, incense, or other materials (such as live fresh cut evergreen trees, wreaths, garland etc.) are not permitted in the residence halls/apartment complexes. Hookahs or any smoking paraphernalia that has the potential for an open flame are also not allowed. Due to the hazardous materials in the following listed lighting devices, and the potential for fire and chemical safety hazards halogen lamps, torchiere lamps, neon lighting, black lights, strobe lights, lava lamps, and decorative lighting (including any string or tube lighting with multiple outlets and plug adapters) are prohibited. Due to potential for fire, concealed extension cords, multiple outlet, and octopus adapters are also prohibited. Residents may possess multiple strip outlets that are fused with at least 14 gauge wire and grounded cords to power electronic devices in their rooms and apartments. In compliance to Minnesota State Fire Code, you are required by law to exit the hall/apartment during a fire alarm.

8. Cooking

Cooking is permitted only in University-designated kitchen areas (e.g., apartment kitchens in Yudof Hall, Wilkins Hall, University Village or, residence hall kitchenettes). Cooking is NOT permitted in residence hall rooms.

9. Keys

The duplication of residence hall/University apartment keys and/or access cards and/or devices is prohibited. You must not lend, sell, or transfer any residence hall/apartment complex key/fob to any person for the purpose of allowing that person to enter the residence hall or your room/apartment unescorted or to utilize University housing facilities.

10. Damage

Vandalizing, damaging, or destroying University or personal property is prohibited. Creating conditions that require clean up or removing window screens is strictly prohibited. Further, you are not permitted to affix anything to any internal or external structure of the hall/apartment (e.g., satellite TV dish, antenna) or have anything hanging or protruding from the hall/apartment unless approved by the Residence Director and the Assistant Director of Residential Life. Because of the potential for damage, waterbeds and swimming pools are not permitted in residence hall rooms or apartments. Should damage result from any behavior in your apartment, room or in any space within a University housing owned or operated facility you will be charged for cleaning, repair or replacement of damaged housing property.

11. Sports

Due to the potential for injury or damage playing sports in public areas or hall/apartment ways, including, but not limited to in-line skating, skateboarding, and bicycle riding and throwing, kicking or hitting any type of object

including, but not limited to soccer balls, footballs, Nerf balls, darts, etc. is not allowed in the residence halls or University apartment complexes. Due to the potential for injury, sports, including, but not limited to soccer, Frisbee, golfing, Frisbee golf, etc. are not permitted in residential courtyard areas.

12. Tampering

Tampering with any mechanical or electrical unit within the residence halls/apartments is not permitted. Specifically, you must not tamper with or use without authorization any part of a residence hall/apartment complex elevator system; hall/apartment locking systems; life safety equipment including, but not limited to smoke alarms, fire alarm mechanisms, fire sprinkler mechanisms, and life safety signage; refrigeration; heating; cooling; or computer/etherjack and cable connections.

Tampering with computers, including but not limited to the following, is prohibited:

- unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents or for any other purpose
- unauthorized transfer of a file i.e. music, videos, media using peer-to-peer software
- unauthorized alteration of a system configuration
- unauthorized use of another individual's identification or password
- use of computing facilities or networks to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or University official
- use of computing facilities or networks to engage in disorderly conduct as defined in Regulation 16; including violation of copyright law
- use of computing facilities or networks in ways that interfere with the normal operation of residential community or University computing systems.

13. Solicitation

Soliciting or conducting business in the residence hall/apartment complex, including from within your residence hall room/apartment unit, is not permitted. This includes approaching students with product(s), sliding information under doors, stopping students in the hall/apartment way, calling students, etc. Students are also prohibited from conducting business on the University computer or telephone system.

14. Explosives

Explosive devices are not allowed in the residence halls/University apartments or surrounding grounds. Possessing or using fireworks (firecrackers, smoke bombs, sparklers, etc.), or any explosive material will constitute a safety or fire hazard. Motorized vehicles (e.g., mopeds, motorcycles, etc.) may not be brought through or stored within the residence halls/apartments.

15. Noise

Noise that either significantly disturbs or has the potential to significantly disturb other residents or that does not comply with individual hall/apartment-determined (published and posted) policies on noise is not allowed. This includes amplified sound (i.e. facing stereo speakers out windows, use of megaphones, electronic instruments and/or equipment, microphones, etc.). Quiet hours are 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. Sun.-Thurs. and 1 a.m. - 9 a.m. Fri.-Sat. During quiet hours noise should not be heard outside of your room/apartment space. Courtesy Hours, which includes all times when Quiet Hours are not in effect, noise should not be heard more than 10 feet from outside a room or building.

16. Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct within or immediately surrounding the residence halls/University apartments is not permitted. You are in violation of the disorderly conduct policy if you do any of the following, in a public or private place, knowing or having reasonable grounds to know, that it will or potentially could tend to alarm, anger, harm, or disturb others, or provoke an assault or breach of peace. Participants are responsible for engaging in disorderly conduct when they commit or intend to commit any of the following:

- a) engaging in brawling, fighting, or physical assaults;
- b) engaging in prank activities
- c) Conducting oneself in a disorderly manner so as to disturb or threaten an assembly, meeting or the public peace, even without unlawful purpose (e.g., returning to the hall/apartments intoxicated, which creates an unsafe environment for self and others);
- d) Threatening, or causing physical harm to self or any other party is prohibited. Threats or Harassment, whether written, or verbal in such a way that the health, safety or welfare of the University community is made to feel unsafe;
- e) use of obscene, or abusive language, or engaging in conduct that would reasonably tend to cause alarm, anger, fear, or resentment in others;
- f) to threaten, intimidate, or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of yourself or a member of the University community, or the use of threatening or intimidating behaviors, in verbal or written form in which one commits or intends to commit any unlawful act by force;
- g) any form of sexual harassment; or
- h) any form of sexual misconduct; or
- i) any form of sexual assault.

*The Board of Regents policy on Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct and Sexual Assault can be found in the following pages of the Guidebook.

- j) Hate/Bias Crimes that use language, signs, symbols or threats that would reasonably tend to arouse, alarm, anger, fear or resentment in others or would endanger the health safety and welfare of a member(s) of the University community.

17. Illegal Entry/Exit

Entering or exiting illegally, improperly, without authorization, or during non-contract periods without proper permission, your or other resident's room/apartment or any room/apartment or facility that you are not authorized to enter/exit, including alarmed exit doors or any windows, is not allowed. Propping emergency exit doors without authorization is not allowed. Nonresident guests are prohibited from using residence hall/apartment complex laundry facilities. Residents will be held responsible for their guests' behavior if they utilize these facilities.

18. Illegal Possession/Theft

It is prohibited for residents in the hall/apartments to possess without authorization, goods belonging to other residents or the residence hall/apartments (e.g., lounge furniture), including food items not designated as a carryout item by dining services.

19. Controlled Substances

The possession or consumption of controlled substances or being under the influence of controlled substances (e.g., illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia) is strictly prohibited. Possession, use, or being in the presence of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia (e.g., bong, pipes etc.) is prohibited

and may result in contract termination of residence hall/apartment complex contract. The odor of marijuana or any other controlled substance is sufficient to warrant an alleged violation of this policy.

20. Failure to Comply

- a) Failing/refusing to correctly identify yourself or your guests or to fail to comply with the directives of University officials and their authorized agents acting in the performance and scope of their duties, including the directives of Community Advisor, Residence Director, Administrative and Facilities staff, University staff, or law enforcement official(s), or another resident is prohibited. It is prohibited to falsely identify yourself or to allow your guest(s) to give false identification.
- b) Failure to complete or adhere to sanctions resulting from a judicial outcome will be considered failure to comply. Sanction reviews will be completed each month by the RD/ARD. If you are found in violation additional sanctions may be added.
- c) Providing false information or obstructing an investigation is strictly prohibited
- d) Failure to return hall property on time i.e. Information desk items/equipment.

21. Guests

Any person involved in an incident that is not an assigned occupant of the apartment, room or suite space where the incident occurred will be deemed a "guest".

- a. Students are responsible for the activities that occur in their residence hall/apartment complex rooms and shared living space, where applicable. Therefore, students are expected to properly secure their living area(s) at all times. (All assigned occupants of a room, suite, or apartment may be subject to the same behavioral response as the actual violators, which includes sanctions received if found responsible for violation(s).
- b. Students are responsible for ensuring that all guests know and behave consistently with housing regulations. Students are responsible for the conduct/behavior of their guest(s) while in the hall/apartment community.
- c. Overnight guests are permitted in the residence hall/apartment complex for no more than five (5) consecutive nights or fifteen (15) nights per semester, and must abide by all housing and University policies. All guests must be escorted at all times and should not be unaccompanied in the room/apartment without prior approval of the roommate(s)
- d. All overnight guests in the residence hall/apartment complex must be twelve (12) years of age or older
- e. Guests may be asked to leave at any time.

22. Alcohol

- a. The possession/consumption of alcohol or being in the presence of alcohol is prohibited for all residents who are under the age of 21, regardless of hall/apartment assignment. The possession or use of alcohol is permitted in Centennial Hall, Yudof Hall, Wilkins Hall, and University Village ONLY by residents who are 21 years of age or older. Possession/consumption or being in the presence of alcoholic beverages is not permitted by any individuals in Bailey Hall, Comstock Hall, Frontier Hall, Middlebrook Hall, Pioneer Hall, Sanford Hall, or Territorial Hall, even if such persons are 21 years or older.
- b. Possessing, consuming, or being in the presence of alcohol under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited.
- c. Possession, providing or serving of large quantities or

"Common Source" quantities of alcohol (kegs, party balls, beer bong, punch bowls, boxes of wine, etc.), or creating or participating in drinking games is not permitted in the residence halls or apartment complexes.

- d. Possessing, providing, or consuming alcohol in common areas of a residence hall or apartment facility is not permitted.
- e. Purchasing, providing, or serving alcohol to or for an underage person is prohibited.
- f. Being intoxicated to the point where state law remands you into custody is strictly prohibited.
- g. Being under the influence of alcohol under the age of 21, as demonstrated through one's actions, behaviors or the results of a BAC reading is strictly prohibited.
- h. Residents or guests of legal drinking age may not possess, consume or provide alcoholic beverages if any resident of that room/apartment is not of legal drinking age or if any person under the age of 21 is present in the room.
- i. Possession of empty alcohol containers is prohibited.

23. Law Violations

To violate any local, state, or federal law within the residence halls/University apartments, or any housing sponsored event off campus is prohibited.

24. Posted Regulations

To violate published and posted individual residence hall/University apartment specifications and regulations or stated contract conditions is not permitted.

25. Persistent or Recurring Behavior

Persistent or recurring behavior that violates any of the above listed regulations may impact your continued residential status.

26. Loitering

Loitering in residence hall/apartment complex entryways, lobby areas or blocking entry or exits is strictly prohibited. Residents may not assemble in lobby areas; as such assembly may constitute a fire, health or safety hazard.

27. Riot Policy

University of Minnesota students are prohibited from inciting or participating in a riot on campus, in areas in proximity to campus, or in a location where a riot occurs in response to a University sponsored event. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary sanctions up to and including expulsion.

28. Hazing

Hazing is any method or activity on Residential Life property or in connection with any Residential Life-related group that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of an individual (including, without limitation, an act intended to cause personal degradation or humiliation). Students are prohibited to engage in this behavior. Any group of students acting together may be considered an organization for purposes of this section whether or not they are officially recognized. Neither the express or implied consent of a victim of hazing, nor the lack of active participation while hazing is going on is a defense. Apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act, and is also a violation of this section.

*In incidents involving youth under the age of 18 in the residential community, police will be called to respond to the incident.