

University Housing Regulations Summer-2009

- 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:** 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 etc.
 - 4. Electrical:** Guests 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. 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 Housing for Residence 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, 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:***
- a. unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents or for any other purpose
 - b. unauthorized transfer of a file
 - c. unauthorized alteration of a system configuration
 - d. unauthorized use of another individual's identification or password
 - e. use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or University official
 - f. use of computing facilities to engage in disorderly conduct as defined in Regulation 16; including violation of copyright law
 - g. use of computing facilities 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 guests with product(s), sliding information under doors, stopping students in the hall/apartment way, calling students, etc. Guests 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 10 p.m. until 7 a.m. Sun.-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 prank activities or physical assaults;

- b) 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);
- c) 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;
- d) use of obscene, or abusive language, or engaging in conduct that would reasonably tend to cause alarm, anger, fear, or resentment in others;
- e) 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;
- f. any form of sexual harassment; or
- g. any form of sexual misconduct; or
- h. 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.
- i. 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, 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 will result in contract removal from the residence hall/apartment complex. 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 the Summer Assistant, 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.
- c) Providing false information or obstructing an investigation is strictly prohibited

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 "visitor".

- a. Guests are responsible for the activities that occur in their residence hall/apartment complex rooms and shared living space, where applicable. Therefore, guests 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. Guests are responsible for ensuring that all visitors know and behave consistently with housing regulations. Guests are responsible for the conduct/behavior of their visitor(s) while in the hall/apartment community.
- c. All overnight guests in the residence hall/apartment complex must be ten (10) years of age or older
- d. Visitors may be asked to leave at any time.

22. Alcohol:

- a. The possession/consumption of alcohol is prohibited for all residents who are under the age of 21, regardless of hall/apartment assignment.
- 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. Guests of legal drinking age may not possess, consume or provide alcoholic beverages if any person(s) 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 guest status.

26. Loitering: Loitering in residence hall/apartment complex entryways, lobby areas or blocking entry or exits is strictly prohibited. Guests 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 Policy: Hazing by any member of the University community is prohibited at the University of Minnesota. Hazing is prohibited whenever it occurs on University premises or in connection with any University-affiliated group or activity. Those who violate the prohibition against hazing are subject to discipline up to and including dismissal, consistent with existing codes, rules, policies and contracts. Any criminal complaints will be reported to law enforcement.

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