



## SUMMER HOUSING POLICIES 2017

*For the purpose of this document, "Resident" is used to define all people with an association to the University, staying in University Residence Halls and Apartments. This includes summer school students, conference/camp attendants, and University student staff.*

### 1. Pets

For the comfort of all residents and guests, pets (animals) are not permitted within the residence hall/apartment complex. Fish in aquariums (10 gallons or less), certified service animals, and emotional support animals approved through Disability Resource Center 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, bow and arrows, paintball guns, airsoft guns, mace spray, and swords or any blade longer than 4 inches) anywhere on University housing premises.

### 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 halls and University apartments. This includes sports pools, entertainment pools, online gambling using the University's network, etc.

### 4. Electrical Appliances

Residence hall rooms are not wired to support the use of large electrical appliances (air conditioners or large fridges). All appliances brought to campus must be in good working order. Please be sure not to overload the electrical outlets with adapters or extension cords (all extension cords must be UL approved).

a. Residents may use electrical appliances in residence halls if the appliance does not have an open heating element, use grease or cooking oil, or have an open flame. Appliances with automatic turn-off timers are highly encouraged. Items that are not allowed include, but are not limited to: electric grills, hot plates and toaster ovens. Apartment buildings (University Village, Yudof and Wilkins) may use the items listed above in the designated kitchen area only.

b. Residents may bring one (1) refrigerator per residence hall room. The refrigerators must be 4.3 cubic feet or smaller. Residents may also bring one (1) microwave oven per room. The microwave must use no more than 700 watts. Extension cords must be UL approved. No other major appliances, including air conditioners or dishwasher units, are permitted in any hall.

### 5. Cooking

Residence hall rooms are not equipped to safely and sanitarily cook. For the safety of all residents, cooking is NOT permitted in residence hall rooms. Cooking is permitted only in University-designated kitchen areas (e.g., apartment kitchens in Yudof Hall, Wilkins Hall, University Village, or residence hall kitchenettes).

### 6. Smoking

To create a healthier, cleaner, and more inclusive environment for everyone, smoking any substance or creating smoke is not permitted in resident rooms and/or public areas within residence halls and apartments. This includes electronic cigarettes, vaporizers and tobacco. Smoking and tobacco use is not allowed on the University of Minnesota campus. For more information review the Share the Air policy [here](#).

### 7. Fire Hazard

a. For the safety of all residents living in the halls, it is prohibited to have open flames or other materials that constitute fire hazards on University housing property including candles, candle warmers, incense, or other materials (such as live fresh cut evergreen trees, and wreaths). Any candles or incense found may be confiscated or destroyed. Residence life staff will not store these items for you. Motorized vehicles (e.g., mopeds, motorcycles, hoverboards, etc.) may not be brought through or stored within the residence halls/apartments.

b. Hookahs or any smoking paraphernalia that has the potential for an open flame are not permitted in the residence halls.

c. Due to hazardous materials in various lighting devices, the potential for fire, and chemical safety hazards, the following items are not allowed: halogen lamps, torchiere lamps, neon lighting, black lights, strobe lights, and lava lamps. Lighting fixtures and devices must be UL listed, in good working condition per original manufacturing, and of no greater than 75 watts.

d. Due to potential for fire, concealed extension cords and multiple outlet adapters are also prohibited. Residents may possess multiple strip outlets that are fused with at least 14-gauge wire, are UL approved, and are grounded.

e. In the event of a building alarm, the Minneapolis and St Paul fire departments cannot begin their job until everyone is out of the building. Failure to leave the building promptly puts others at risk. In compliance with Minnesota State Fire Code and state law, everyone is required to leave the building in the event of a building alarm.

## **8. Keys, Fobs and UCards**

All HRL provided keys or key fobs from University Village are the property of the University of Minnesota, and building authorization is granted to residents on their UCard/Fob. Unauthorized use, possession, duplication or tampering of HRL locks/keys/fobs/UCard access/meals is prohibited. Residents are advised to keep their keys and UCard/Fob with them, and may not lend their key or UCard to any other individual for the purpose of allowing that person to enter the residence hall or room unescorted.

Residents who are locked out of their room or apartment may borrow a temporary key from the Information Desk for 15 minutes. The key must be returned promptly to avoid a replacement fee. If a key has been lost or stolen, it must be reported to the information desk immediately for the security of the student's room. A replacement fee will be charged for the key and to re-core the lock on the door.

All keys/fobs must be returned upon checkout. The contract holder is responsible for the replacement costs for the core and key for any unreturned room key.

## **9. Damage/Vandalism**

The environment in the residence halls is for the benefit of all residents. Vandalism and damages in the halls and apartments impacts everyone through increased rates and a loss of facilities. Vandalizing, damaging, or destroying University property, or the property of residents living in the hall, is prohibited.

Items may not be affixed to the external structure of halls or apartments. The use of nails is not permitted in rooms or apartments.

Residents will be held accountable for the cost of vandalism through the residence hall conduct system. Residents are also responsible for any damage or vandalism their guests may commit.

Fees may be charged to your University account for damages that occur in your room/apartment, and/or for any excessive clean up, repair, or replacement required due to student behavior (e.g. removing screens from windows, or bodily fluid clean up).

## **10. Sports**

Due to potential for injury or damage, playing sports in public areas or hall/apartment ways is not allowed in the residence halls or University apartment complexes. This includes, but is not limited to, in-line skating, skateboarding, and bicycle riding. Throwing, kicking or hitting any type of object, including, but not limited to, soccer balls, footballs, nerf balls, and darts is prohibited. Due to the potential for injury and damage, sports, including but not limited to, soccer, Frisbee, golf, and Frisbee golf are not permitted in outdoor residential courtyard areas.

## **11. Tampering**

Tampering with any mechanical or electrical unit within residence halls or 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/Ethernet jack 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 e.g. music, videos, media using peer-to-peer software

- c. unauthorized alteration of a system configuration
- d. unauthorized use of another individual's identification or password
- e. use of computing facilities or networks to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or University official
- f. use of computing facilities or networks to engage in disorderly conduct as defined in Regulation 15, including violation of copyright law
- g. use of computing facilities or networks in ways that interfere with the normal operation of residential community or University computing systems (e.g. personal wireless routers or wireless printers).

## 12. Solicitation

Housing & Residential Life views the halls and apartments as a home, and is protective of resident privacy. Soliciting or conducting business in a residence hall/apartment complex, including from within your residence hall room/apartment unit, is not permitted. This includes approaching anyone with product(s), sliding information under doors, stopping residents in the hall/apartment way, calling residents, etc. Residents are also prohibited from conducting business on University computer, internet or telephone systems.

## 13. Explosives

Explosive devices are not allowed in residence halls/University apartments or surrounding grounds. Possession, use or distribution of fireworks (firecrackers, smoke bombs, sparklers, etc.), or any explosive/combustible material will constitute a safety or fire hazard.

## 14. Quiet/Courtesy Hours

All residents deserve an environment in which to study, sleep and socialize comfortably – and everyone has a different schedule. Courtesy Hours are always in effect and mean that no noise coming from your room or apartment should be significantly disturbing or have the potential to significantly disturb other residents. Noise levels must also comply with agreed upon or published and posted policies created within each room/apartment, and in each community. Amplified sound, instruments, equipment, and groups of people should all be monitored to be at a reasonable level. Any request made by other residents to reduce or stop noise during courtesy hours should be followed immediately.

Quiet hours are in effect to give residents reliable times to sleep and study. While quiet hours are in effect, no one should be able to hear noise outside of the room, apartment or study area.

Quiet Hours are:

Sunday – Friday, 11pm – 7am

Saturday – Sunday, 1am – 9am

Residents can always address noise related requests on their own. During Quiet Hours, hall staff can be reached by calling or going to the Information Desk to assist with quiet hour violations.

All residents and visitors are expected to adhere to Quiet and Courtesy Hours. Residents are responsible for the actions of their guests. (Applicable to summer school students only)

## 15. Disorderly Conduct

Disorderly conduct within or immediately surrounding residence halls/University apartments disrupts our community and is not permitted. Residents will be responsible for guest behaviors. Behavior that causes harm, alarm, or disturbance is prohibited and further outlined below:

- a. Harm to Others/Self: engaging in conduct that endangers the physical and/or mental health, safety, or welfare of another person. This includes, but is not limited to, physical assaults, threatening, stalking, harassing, intimidating, brawling, fighting, or domestic/relationship violence;
- b. Pranks: engaging in prank activities;
- c. Public Disturbance/Disruptive Behavior: engaging in conduct that incites or threatens to incite a breach of the peace; breaching the peace; or obstructing or disrupting the normal operations of the University and infringing on the rights of others, including disrupting the living or learning environment;

d. Threats: making threats of harm directed at others or at self;

e. Bullying: aggressive behavior directed at another person, either in person or through electronic means, that causes stress or harm and that is repeated over time, including but not limited to assaulting, defaming, terrorizing, making obscene gestures, or invading privacy;

f. Sexual Misconduct. See Board of Regents Policy: [Student Conduct Code, Section IV., Subd. 8.](#); and Administrative Policy: Sexual Assault, Stalking, Relationship Violence <http://www.policy.umn.edu/Policies/Operations/Safety/SEXUALASSAULT.html>; or

h. Other discriminatory harassment: engaging in unwelcome conduct against a person on the basis of that person's race, ethnicity, or other protected status, which has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the person's academic performance or participation in University programs, or creates a hostile, intimidating, or offensive learning or living environment.

#### **16. Illegal Entry/Exit**

Entering or exiting illegally, improperly, without authorization, or during non-contract periods without proper permission, yours or another 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.

#### **17. 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 dining center dishes and food items not designated as a carryout item by dining services.

#### **18. Controlled Substances**

a. The possession and consumption of controlled substances and being in the presence of or being under the influence of controlled substances (e.g., illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia such as bongs, pipes etc.) is strictly prohibited and may result in contract termination of residence hall/apartment complex contract. This excludes the use of controlled pharmaceuticals when prescribed by a medical professional and consumed in a manner consistent with their directives.

b. The odor of marijuana or any other controlled substance is sufficient to warrant an alleged violation of this policy.

#### **19. Failure to Comply**

a. Failing/refusing to correctly identify yourself or your guests is prohibited.

b. Failure 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 residence hall student staff, Residence Director, Administrative and Facilities staff, University staff, or law enforcement official(s), or another resident is prohibited.

c. 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. Any conference attendee's violations will be handled in consult with the coordinator of the conference and may be asked to leave.

d. Providing false information or obstructing an investigation is strictly prohibited.

e. Failure to return hall property on time (e.g. Information desk items/equipment) will result in alleged violations.

#### **20. Guests**

Any person involved in an incident who is not an assigned occupant of the apartment, room or suite space where the incident occurred will be deemed a "guest". Guests who are also residents in University housing will be directly held responsible for their behavior by Housing & Residential Life.

a). Residents are responsible for the activities that occur in their residence hall/apartment complex rooms and shared living space, where applicable. Therefore, residents 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). Summer School 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). ONLY Summer School Students may have overnight guests, which 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 sixteen (16) years of age or older

e). Guests may be asked to leave at any time.

## 21. 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 all halls by residents who are 21 years of age or older, exception is Orientation staff and HRL student staff.

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.

## 22. Other Violations

To violate the Student Conduct Code, Board of Regents policies, or any local, state or federal law within the residence halls/University apartments, or at any housing sponsored event off campus is prohibited.

## 23. Posted Regulations

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

## 24. Persistent or Recurring Behavior

Persistent or recurring behavior that violates any of our Community Behavioral Standards may impact your continued residential status.

## 25. Loitering

Loitering in residence hall/apartment complex entryways or 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.

## 26. Riot Policy

University of Minnesota students and conferees 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.

## 27. 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). All students, conferees and guests are prohibited to engage in this behavior.

Any group of people 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.*

*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WHEN CHANGES ARE MADE TO THESE REGULATIONS, THE CHANGES ARE PUBLISHED AND SHARED WITH CLIENTS AND GUESTS.*