

University Housing and Residential Life Community Living Standards

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Temple University's rules are designed to uphold high personal standards, particularly in University Housing and Residential Life. Therefore, while living in University Housing, students are expected to adhere to these rules by respecting the rights of others, aligning their behavior with the University's mission, and being accountable for their actions. It is the responsibility of all members of the Temple community, especially those living in University Housing and Residential Life facilities, to enforce these rules and maintain a safe living environment.

The following conduct is prohibited in the residence hall and/or any University-sponsored housing site and constitutes a violation of Article III, Section C:15 of the Student Conduct Code – **Violation of any University policy, rule or regulation published in hard copy or available electronically on the University website:**

<https://secretary.temple.edu/sites/secretary/files/policies/03.70.12.pdf>.

- a. Violation of the Guest Policy* (as described in the below section).
 - i. Failing to follow appropriate University Housing and Residential Life guest sign-in/sign-out procedures. This includes, but is not limited to, failing to sign out guests upon every exit of the building and failing to sign out guests before the overnight period begins at 3:00AM.
 - ii. Failing to accompany guests in designated residence halls at all times.
 - iii. Hosting or enabling a guest to stay in a specific residence hall living space for more than two consecutive nights or three nights in a seven-day period.
 - iv. Hosting a minor guest between the hours of 8:00PM and 8:00AM. No overnight minor guests are permitted.
 - v. Signing in or attempting to sign in any person into University Housing who has been banned from University Housing and Residential Life or Temple University.
 - vi. Misusing a guest card. This includes, but is not limited to, using another student's guest card to sign in guests or enabling another student to use your guest card.
 - vii. Failing to present a guest card and/or Temple University identification card at the request of any University Housing and Residential Life Staff Member and/or public safety personnel.
 - viii. Failing to make a guest of University Housing aware of the rules and regulations of the University. The resident is responsible for all of their guest's behaviors*.

**Guest privileges are not guaranteed – UHRL reserves the right to revoke or deny guest access at any time.*

- b. Intentional interference. Student(s) or their guest(s) whose actions or behavior, as determined by the University's sole discretion, interferes with the rights, safety, or convenience of one's roommate(s) or other students, and/or causes interference with the normal, efficient operation of the residence halls or other campus units. This includes, but is not limited to: acts that prevent individuals from accessing their assigned space and furniture; act(s) or repeated behavior(s) that are counter-productive to community living expectations or place unreasonable burden on other students, University staff, or University services; and/ or submission of intentionally false claims against other students or University staff.
- c. Engaging in behavior that violates quiet hours and/or courtesy hours; is disruptive and is likely to disturb neighbors and/or the community. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, loud music/entertainment.
 - i. Courtesy hours in University Housing and Residential Life are defined as: hours outside the state quiet hours policy. Students are expected to be respectful of the community in regard to noise at all times.
 - ii. Quiet hours in University Housing and Residential Life are defined as: Sunday night through Thursday night: 10:00PM to 10:00AM; Friday night and Saturday night: 12:00AM (midnight) to 12:00PM (noon).
- d. Encouraging and/or participating in behaviors related to substance misuse in the residence halls, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Use, possession, manufacture, distribution, and/or sale of alcoholic beverages or drugs, regardless of age or medical prescription in the residence halls, except use and possession of alcohol is permitted for students over the age of 21 who reside in graduate housing.
 - ii. Visible intoxication.
 - iii. Use, possession, manufacture, and/or distribution of drinking paraphernalia, including, but not limited to: funnels, beer pong tables, shot glasses, and/or any items that enable mass consumption of alcohol. This also includes empty containers for decorative or nondecorative purposes.
 - iv. Being present where any alcohol and/or drug policy violation is occurring.
 - v. Use, possession, manufacture, and/or distribution of drug paraphernalia, which includes, but is not limited to: bongs, pipes, scales, baggies, stems, pipes, hookahs, water pipes, grinders, and/or any items modified or adapted to be used to consume drugs.
 - vi. Odor of cannabis.
 - vii. Use, possession, manufacture and/or distribution of tobacco* products in any Temple University owned facility or property, including all residence halls.
**Tobacco is defined as all tobacco-derived or tobacco-containing products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes (e.g. clove, bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, cigars, and cigarillos), hookah-smoked products, pipes, and oral*

tobacco (e.g. spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff) and nasal tobacco. This also includes, but is not limited to, any product intended to mimic tobacco products.

- e. Engaging in behavior(s) which pose a fire safety risk. This includes, but is not limited to
 - i. The creation of an open flame in any capacity.
 - ii. Tampering with fire safety equipment, hanging items from fire equipment or sprinkler heads, causing false fire alarms, discharging fire extinguishers not in use of an emergency.
 - iii. Leaving cooking unattended or other unsafe cooking practices.
 - iv. Exceeding the maximum occupancy of any room, suite, or apartment. Maximum occupancy is defined as the number of assigned residents plus no more than 2 individuals per number of assigned residents.
- f. Cooking in any bedroom spaces or common area spaces without full kitchens within University Housing and Residential Life. University-approved microwave-refrigerator combination units, coffee makers, and electric kettles without an exposed hotplate and with an automatic shutoff are permitted in bedroom spaces.
- g. Storing/locking or using bicycles, scooters, skateboards in any public area within University Housing and Residential Life. This includes, but is not limited to storing bicycles, scooters and skateboards in areas not designated for them (e.g. janitorial closet), storing in student rooms without the expressed permission of roommates, storing in spaces that block egress (e.g. doors, windows)*.
**Electric bicycles, scooters, and/or skateboards are prohibited. Please refer to policy v. xvii.*
- h. Unauthorized relocating or use of university furnishings. This includes, but is not limited to, moving furniture from public areas to individual rooms, removing university furniture from a room or hall, consolidating furniture into one bedroom, arranging/placing furniture in a manner as to obstruct entry or exit from doors/windows, moving University property onto balconies, and using furniture and/or fixtures in a manner for which they are not intended.
- i. Applying/Installing paint, wallpaper, fixtures, or adhesive-backed items to any surface in University Housing. Installing carpeting other than area rugs or decorations on over 50% of each wall in any room.
- j. Inappropriate use of windows and balconies. Opening or removing any security or regular screen or using any window or balcony as a means of entrance to or exit from a University Housing building, except in an emergency. Using any internal balconies as means to change floors except in the event of an emergency. Allowing any items to pass or throwing any items over the threshold of a window/balcony.
- k. Use, possession, sale or storage of articles and substances that endanger a person's health and/or safety in University residence halls. This includes, but is not limited to, firearms (e.g. guns, pistols, rifles, stun guns, air rifles, pellet guns, etc.), fireworks, knives, weapons, ammunition, gunpowder, explosives, or other material containing flammable substances, as well as replicas of any such articles or substances*.

**The University will confiscate any such articles. Any student found in possession of a firearm will receive an interim suspension from Temple University pending the outcome of the student conduct process. Firearms and other dangerous weapons are strictly prohibited in university facilities. This prohibition applies to all persons, even those who possess a license to carry such weapons, except for authorized Campus Safety Services and other law enforcement personnel performing official functions.*

- l. Posting, hanging, displaying signage, lighting, or any other materials in, on, or around the residence hall windows, on university window coverings, or common area windows. University window coverings (shades, blinds, etc.) need to be visible from the outside.
- m. Sporting activities including, but not limited to hockey, football, soccer, handball, racquetball, frisbee, hacky sack, lacrosse, skateboarding, roller blading, roller skating, riding scooters (electric or otherwise) and water guns/water balloons are not permitted in any area of the residence halls.
- n. Subletting, selling, or sharing University Housing space or selling or sharing University meal plan privileges.
- o. Relocating to another assignment within University Housing without the written approval of authorized UHRL staff member. The following actions are not allowed:
 - i. Converting living room space into a bedroom.
 - ii. Changing bedroom assignments within the apartment/suite without the approval of authorized University Housing and Residential Life personnel.
- p. Contracting with any vendor to provide service to individuals within University Housing and Residential Life or using any residence hall space within University Housing for commercial enterprise or personal gain except under those conditions outlined in the Housing License.
- q. Failing to vacate Residential Facility:
 - i. Within 24 hours of the resident's last final examination of the academic semester, or by the beginning date and time of each scheduled vacation/academic recess period, whichever comes first.
 - ii. Within 24 hours (unless the University stipulates a different period for the student's removal/dismissal from the University) of a student's withdrawal/dismissal from Temple University or UHRL.
 - iii. In a timely manner during emergency evacuation and/or when an alarm system is activated.
- r. Posting unapproved materials, posting in unapproved locations, and/or removing approved materials from their posting location.
- s. Entering or exiting the residence hall through means other than the designated main entrance/exit for the building, except in emergency situations when appropriate. This includes the use of exterior-side doors, service entrances, or staff only areas. Students must tap or show university identification at the Security Desk. Individuals not assigned to the building must be checked in to the building in accordance with Section A. Any individual entering the residence halls may be asked by security staff for permission to

search any bags, suitcases, boxes, etc. to ensure prohibited items are not being brought into the residence halls. Individuals refusing a search, will be denied entry and asked to leave the building.

- t. Failure to properly dispose of trash and recycling, including but not limited to: littering or allowing trash and recycling to accumulate inside the room, suite, or apartment. Trash and recycling must be placed in the appropriate receptacles in the designated area within the building, not in communal spaces such as lounges, restrooms, or laundry rooms.
- u. Live streaming, taking and/or disseminating pictures, video, or audio recording of another person without the consent of all involved.
 - i. The installation, use, or maintenance of surveillance or recording devices (including, but not limited to doorbell cameras, security cameras, or similar devices) within residence hall rooms, suites, apartments, or on or around entryways is prohibited, regardless of consent from roommates or other residents.
 - ii. Recording in residence hall common areas is also prohibited unless expressly authorized by the University. The University reserves the right to approve and operate recording equipment in residence halls, in accordance with applicable laws, when deemed necessary to support community responsibility, safety, and security.
- v. In addition to the items outlined above, the use and/or possession of the following items is prohibited in the residence halls:
 - i. Air conditioners (other than those provided by the University)
 - ii. Appliances or any item with electrical wiring that is homemade, has been altered, without an underwriter's label (UL), or a seal of approval from another recognized testing laboratory
 - iii. Appliances whose instructions state "do not operate when empty"
 - iv. Automobile batteries and acids
 - v. Beds (personal frames and mattresses)
 - vi. Candles, incense, wax melts, oil burners or any devices using halogen bulbs or exposed heating elements
 - vii. Ceiling fans/Track lights
 - viii. Coffee machines (machines without hot plate/exposed warming element are permitted, automatic shutoff required)
 - ix. Coffee mug warmers
 - x. Commercial cooking appliances
 - xi. Contact paper/Wallpaper
 - xii. Dartboards
 - xiii. Decorative lighting with adhesive backing
 - xiv. Deep fat/Air fryers
 - xv. Flammable or combustible liquids (including art supplies such as thinner, etc.)
 - xvi. Electric blankets/Electric mattress pads/covers
 - xvii. Electric skateboards (hover-boards/scooters/unicycles)

- xviii. Electronic cigarettes/Vape pens
- xix. Electronic aerial devices (drones) or other similar equipment
- xx. Fog/Smoke machines or smoke bombs
- xxi. Gasoline and/or gasoline-powered items
- xxii. Glow-in-the-dark stars/stickers
- xxiii. Grills (any size – electric, gas, or charcoal)
- xxiv. Halogen lamps
- xxv. Hookah/Pipes/Torches
- xxvi. Hot pots, immersion coils, hot plated, burners, portable stoves, or any kitchen appliance in a bedroom
- xxvii. Irons (with automatic shut-off permitted)
- xxviii. Lighters, matches, torches, or any items which produce an open flame
- xxix. Mace/Pepper spray
- xxx. Martial arts tools
- xxxi. Materials or mechanisms for lofting or raising beds including but not limited to any block, lift, or other device that raises the bed platform and legs above the standard height. Beds can be bunked, if the University-provided furniture allows.
- xxxii. Natural-cut trees/branches/greens or other natural decorations, such as pumpkins/gourds
- xxxiii. Networking equipment (including, but not limited to, wireless access points, routers, hubs, etc.)
- xxxiv. Paint (except those allowed for use in art classes or personal art projects)
- xxxv. Personal microwaves (except for kitchen area of apartment-style rooms in Temple Towers, Morgan Halls, and 1300); micro-fridge combination units, acquired through the Temple-selected vendor, are permitted in student rooms
- xxxvi. Pets or live animals (other than certified service animals and approved assistance animals)
- xxxvii. Power tools
- xxxviii. Refrigerator larger than 3.6 cubic feet
- xxxix. Satellite dishes
- xl. Shopping carts
- xli. Space heaters (ceramic, electric, kerosine, and/or heat lamps)
- xl.ii. Street signs (University, city, county, and/or state)
- xl.iii. Television brackets for wall mounts
- xliv. Toaster ovens, toasters, woks, rice cookers, broilers, popcorn poppers, and other cooking appliances (except when used in the kitchen area of apartment-style rooms in Temple Towers, Morgan Halls, and 1300)
- xl. v. Wall hangings made of burlap or any other flammable fabrics, tapestries, fish netting, etc.
- xlvi. Water-filled devices, including, but not limited to aquatic tanks, inflatable hot tubs, waterbeds, etc.

You should be aware that if you are found responsible for ANY violation(s) you are subject to the FULL RANGE OF SANCTIONS found in the Student Conduct Code, which includes REMOVAL from the residence halls and any University sponsored housing site. Anyone removed from the facilities remains liable for all housing and/or meal plan fees and is not eligible for any refunds for the full occupancy period of the Housing License. The Student Conduct Code can be found online at: <https://www.temple.edu/secretary/sites/secretary/files/policies/03.70.12.pdf>

NOTE: *In the event a public health and/or safety and security emergency, the University and/or University Housing and Residential Life reserves the rights to establish policies, protocols, and procedures as appropriate, and/or require adherence to policies, protocols, and procedures as recommended or directed by applicable federal, state, and local governments to protect the health and safety of the residential community.*

Protocols and procedures instituted in response to a public health and/or safety and security emergencies may include, but may not be limited to, mandated testing, symptom monitoring, isolation and quarantine requirements, travel restrictions, and/or other health measures. Students agree to abide by these protocols and procedures in order to reside in University Housing and acknowledge that failure to do so may subject students to immediate removal from housing pending the outcome of any student disciplinary process.