



**University Housing  
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Undergraduate Community Living Standards**  
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Important aspects of attending the university as a student are having respect for the rights of others in the community, conducting one's self in a manner that is compatible with the university's mission and taking responsibility for one's actions. Responsibility for the enforcement of the rules of the university rests with all the members of the Temple community. University rules should serve as a guide for high personal standards.

NOTE: In the event of COVID-19 or another public health emergency, the University and/or University Housing and Residential Life reserves the right 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 COVID and other public health 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.

The following conduct is prohibited in the residence halls and any University sponsored housing site and constitutes a violation of Section 15 of the Student Conduct Code:

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

**15. Violation of any University policy, rule or regulation published in hard copy or available electronically on the University website:**

- a. Violation of the Guest Policy (as described in the below section).
  - i. Failing to follow appropriate University Housing guest sign-in/sign-out procedures.
  - ii. Failing to accompany your guests in University Housing at all times.
  - iii. 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. Signing any person into University Housing who has been banned from University Housing or the University.
  - v. 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 actions.
    - a. PLEASE NOTE: In accordance with current Temple University and city of Philadelphia guidelines to combat the spread of COVID-19, no outside guests are permitted within the residence hall setting, including students visiting other residence halls.
- b. Intentional interference with the rights, safety, reasonable comfort and convenience of one's roommate(s) or other students.
- c. Engaging in behavior that violates quiet hours and/or courtesy hours; is disruptive and is likely to disturb other neighbors and community. Such behavior includes but is not limited to loud music/entertainment.
  - i. COURTESY HOURS IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING ARE DEFINED AS:
    - Hours outside the stated 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 ARE DEFINED AS:
    - Sunday through Thursday: 10:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M.
    - Friday and Saturday: 12:00 Midnight to 12:00 Noon.

- d. Use, possession, manufacture and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages, or public intoxication in Undergraduate Residence Hall.
- e. Being present where any alcohol violation is occurring in University Housing, including possession of any drinking paraphernalia which includes empty containers.
- f. Being present where any drug policy violation is occurring in University Housing, including possession of drug paraphernalia.
  - i. Drug Paraphernalia includes but is not limited to: Bongs, pipes, scales, baggies, stems, pipes, hookahs, water pipes, grinders, or any items modified or adapted so they can be used to consume drugs
  - ii. Where the odor of marijuana is present, a student may be charged with a violation of this section.
- g. The use and/or possession of tobacco products in any Temple University owned facility or property, this includes 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. It also includes any product intended to mimic tobacco products, contain tobacco flavoring, or deliver nicotine.
- h. Setting a fire, tampering with fire safety equipment, and/or causing false fire alarms. Possession of candles, incense, aromatherapy, oil burners.
- i. Use, possession or storage of electric skateboards (Hover-boards/scooters), electronic aerial devices (drones) and other similar equipment in residence halls.
- j. Possessing pets of any kind within University Housing, except for approved service animals.
- k. Bringing any personal bed into University Housing without the written approval of authorized UHRL staff. Beds may not be lofted.
- l. Storing or locking bicycles in any public area within University Housing. Bicycles will be allowed only in areas designated for them or in student rooms, but then only with the permission of the resident's roommate(s). Further, bicycles can't block any egress (i.e. doors or windows).
- m. Relocating or making unauthorized 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, moving University property onto balconies, and using furniture and fixtures in a manner for which they are not intended. Moving and consolidating bedroom furniture in a unit into one bedroom.
- n. Applying paint, fixtures, or adhesive-backed items to any surface in University Housing.
- o. Personal refrigerators larger than 3.6 cubic feet are not allowed. Personal appliances such as irons, coffeemakers, etc. are permitted if they have an automatic shut-off feature.
- p. Using or possessing any type of oven (microwave, toaster, convection, etc.) in non-apartment residences (traditional room-style or suites). Microwave/micro-fridge units are the only type permitted in non-apartment residences. Using or possessing high wattage electrical appliances in University Housing without the written approval of authorized UH&RL staff.
- q. Using or possessing barbecues or gas grills in University Housing is prohibited. For fire and health safety reasons, items that may be used to heat or cook food or beverages such as toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, non-University sponsored micro-fridges, and electrical skillet are prohibited outside of kitchen areas.
- r. 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.
- s. Playing sports including the use of water guns or water balloons anywhere within University Housing.

- t. Subletting, selling or sharing University Housing space or selling or sharing University meal plan privileges.
- u. Relocating to another assignment within University Housing without the written approval from UHRL staff member is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action, including removal from University housing. 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 UHRL staff.
- v. Contracting with any vendor to provide service to individual student units within University Housing or using University Housing for commercial enterprise or personal gain except under those conditions outlined in the Rights, Responsibility, and Resource Guide.
- w. Failing to vacate University Housing:
  - 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 time period for the student's removal/dismissal from the University) of a student's withdrawal/dismissal from Temple University or UHRL.
  - iii. During emergency evacuation and/or when an alarm system is activated.
- x. Posting unapproved materials, posting in unapproved locations, removing approved materials from their posting location.
- y. Possession of any water filled devices including but not limited to fish tanks, waterbeds, inflatable hot tubs or Jacuzzi's, etc.
- z. The use or possession of mace and/or pepper spray in University Housing is prohibited.

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 the web site listed below.

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