



University Housing
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University Housing & Residential Life 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 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://www.temple.edu/secretary/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 guest sign-in/sign-out procedures.
 - ii. Failing to accompany guests in University Housing 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 as a guest between the hours of 12:00AM and 8:00AM without prior authorized approval.
 - v. Signing in or attempting to sign in any person into University Housing who has been banned from University Housing or the 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 Guest Card and/or Temple University Identification Card at the request of any Residential Life Staff Member and/or Security 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.



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- b. Intentional interference with the rights, safety, reasonable comfort and convenience of one's roommate(s) or other students. This includes, but is not limited to, intentional acts that prevent individuals from accessing their assigned space and furniture.
- c. Engaging in behavior that violates quiet hours and/or courtesy hours; is disruptive and is likely to disturb other neighbors and/or the 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 visible intoxication in any Undergraduate Residence Hall, regardless of age.
- e. Being present where any alcohol violation is occurring in University Housing including possession of any drinking paraphernalia.
 - i. Drinking paraphernalia includes but is not limited to funnels, beer pong tables, any other item enabling rapid or mass alcohol consumption, and empty containers.
 - ii. Empty containers being used for decorative purposes only may be charged with a violation of this section.
- f. Use, possession, cultivation, distribution, manufacture or sale of any drug(s), including any medication not prescribed to you in University Housing. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law and use of marijuana, even by prescription, is prohibited in the residence halls.
- g. 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.
- h. The use 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 or smoking (e.g., vape pens), and items which contain tobacco flavoring and/or deliver nicotine.
- i. Engaging in behavior(s) which pose a fire safety risk. This includes, but is not limited to, the creation of an open flame in any capacity; 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, and leaving cooking unattended.
- j. Cooking in any bedroom spaces or common area spaces without full kitchens within University Housing. University-approved microwave-refrigerator combination units, coffee makers and



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electric kettles without an exposed hotplate and with an automatic shutoff are permitted in bedroom spaces.

- k. Storing or locking bicycles in any public area within University Housing. Bicycles are 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 cannot block any egress (e.g., doors or windows).
- l. 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.
- m. 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.
- n. 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.
- o. 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.
- p. 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.
- q. 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.
- r. Subletting, selling, or sharing University Housing space or selling or sharing University meal plan privileges.
- s. 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 UHRL staff.



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- t. Contracting with any vendor to provide service to individuals within University Housing or using an assignment within University Housing for commercial enterprise or personal gain except under those conditions outlined in the Rights, Responsibility, and Resource Guide.
- u. 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.
- v. Posting unapproved materials, posting in unapproved locations, removing approved materials from their posting location.
- w. 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/Wall paper
 - xii. Dartboards
 - xiii. Decorative lights 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)
 - 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



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- xxv. Hookah/Pipes/Torches
- xxvi. Hot pots, immersion coils, hot plates, 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, or Greens
- 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, unless acquired through the Temple selected vendor.
- xxxvi. Pets or live animals (other than certified service animals and approved assistance animals)
- xxxvii. Power Tools
- xxxviii. Refrigerators larger than 3.6 cubic feet
- xxxix. Satellite Dishes
 - xl. Shopping Carts
 - xli. Space Heaters (Ceramic, Electric, Kerosene and/or heat lamps)
 - xlii. Street Signs (University, city, county, or state)
 - xliii. 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 Hall, and 1300)
 - xlv. 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 the web site listed below.

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