

**University Housing**  
**Safety Addendum 2020-2021**

I understand that the following University Housing Safety rules and regulations are included as an addendum to the University Housing Contract for Room and Board Accommodations. By initialing each item, I signify my understanding of each requirement, the fact that each requirement is included to safeguard the safety of myself and others, and that failure to abide by these rules may lead to sanctions including, but not limited to, immediate reassignment to another residential facility or immediate removal from University Housing and/or termination of my University Housing room contract.

**Please read and initial each item.**

1. The following items are not permitted in student rooms: halogen-bulb lamps, individual space heaters, air conditioners, electronic skateboards, fireworks, firearms and other weapons, paintball guns/markers, ammunition, illegal possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, possession and/or illegal use of drugs or drug paraphernalia. Candles, incense, and other similar items are not permitted in residence halls and/or apartments, even if they are not lit.

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2. Cooking appliances (with the exception of microwave ovens, coffee makers, hot pots, crock pots, rice cookers/steamers and popcorn poppers with unexposed elements) may not be used or stored in student rooms. Due to increased risk of fire, this prohibition extends to any type of induction heating device. University Housing reserves the right to remove unauthorized and/or dangerous appliances.

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3. Right to Inspection: Rooms will be periodically inspected for health/safety violations.

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4. Building ledges are not balconies. Students and their guests are completely prohibited from accessing building ledges or roofs, walking or sitting on ledges or roofs or being on ledges or roofs for any reason, except as directed by emergency personnel. Throwing or hanging objects from the window or ledge and the removal of window screens is also prohibited. Installation of porch swings or hanging chairs on the patios is prohibited. Independent of the University conduct process and sanctions, University Housing will take immediate action of reassignment to another facility and/or removal from a residential facility.

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5. Soliciting or canvassing in the residence halls and/or apartments and the use of student addresses/rooms for business purposes are prohibited. Signs of any type, including but not limited to of a commercial nature or advertising, may not be displayed in any window or on any exterior surface of the Student Assignment or University Housing Facility.

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6. Waterbeds and/or hot tubs are prohibited.

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7. Pets (for example dogs, cats, birds, caged rodents, and reptiles) are not permitted at or in University Housing facilities or other locations, with the exception of small, harmless fish. Guests may not bring cats, dogs or other pets to the area while visiting. This does not apply to service or assistance animals that have been approved through the Center for Educational Access and University Housing for students with disabilities.

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8. Key fobs and residence hall room/apartment keys are non-transferable and cannot be loaned to or used by anyone other than the student to whom they are issued. Maintaining security of the residence hall/apartments is the responsibility of all residents.

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9. Covering or impeding the operation of smoke detector heads, hanging items from sprinkler heads, smoking tobacco other substances, vaping, burning candles or incense or interfering in any way with any life safety and/or security equipment, including fire extinguishers, CCTV cameras, or proximity readers, is not allowed. A \$500 charge is applied for students tampering with life safety equipment.

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10. No modifications are to be made of the facility or systems. Construction of lofts or anchoring of furniture/equipment into walls/ceilings/floors is prohibited. University policy does not permit residents to construct their own bed lofts or bunks for use in residence rooms. Attempting to bunk or loft your bed without the proper equipment and parts may place you at risk of severe injury and is not allowed.

If desired, I understand that I have the opportunity, at my sole discretion, to request and receive bed guardrails for use on my bed frame. I understand the choice to use bed guardrails (whether the bed frame is on the floor, lofted, or bunked) rests solely with me. If I decline to choose bed guardrails, I acknowledge and accept the increased risks that may result from falling or getting trapped by the bedframe, including but not limited to severe injury or death. Additionally, the use of cinder blocks, bricks, wood blocks, PVC pipe, etc., to raise beds is strictly prohibited. Only commercially sold bed risers specifically designed for this purpose may be used.

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11. Fire extinguishers and/or fire exits must not be blocked by furniture or belongings.

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12. For students who accept assignments in the Duncan Avenue Apartments, grilling and barbecuing are permitted on concrete patios, porches, and sidewalks only. Grilling and barbecuing are not allowed on apartment balconies.

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