

Residential Education and Housing

Student Policy Information Guide



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Residential Education and Housing Policy Guide Introduction

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The Residential Education and Housing (also referred to as “Housing”) Policy Guide serves as an extension of the Residential Education and Housing Room and Dining Contract (also referred to as “Contract”), the set of terms and conditions that each resident signs before moving into Housing. In signing the Contract, the resident is agreeing to all policies outlined in this Policy Guide. **Violation of the Policy Guide may result in immediate disciplinary action up to and including cancellation of the Contract and dismissal from the university.** Additionally, the Policy Guide supplements but does not replace the [Code of Student Conduct](#), which applies to all Oregon State University students.

This Policy Guide can be made available in alternative formats. Please contact Housing (541) 322-3177, or housing@osucascades.edu for alternative format requests.

Please note that changes to this guide may be made at any time and for any reason by authorized housing staff. Please review the latest version of this Policy Guide periodically to ensure compliance.

Safety and Security: A Shared Responsibility

Students contracted to live on campus agree to take primary responsibility for their own personal safety and security, and to support the safety and security of fellow residents, the buildings, and dining areas. The University and Housing will work cooperatively with students to promote a safe and secure environment, although safety cannot be guaranteed. Students agree to read and abide by security policies and precautions stated in this publication and in all other University publications.

Housing Values

The rationale for most Housing policies is guided by our six values set forth below:

Trust and Respect

We honor every role and every person.

Inclusive Community

We embrace the diverse collection of identities, thoughts, perspectives, beliefs, ideals, and lived experiences.

Shared Leadership

"We" and "Our" replace "I" and "My." We value teamwork and collectivism and honor the contributions students and staff make in our organization.

Interdependent Relationships

We recognize the interdependency of our work and pursue lasting relationships that create possibility.

Creativity and Innovation

We pursue innovation and contribute to the advancement of our programs that serve to promote student success.

Stewardship

We hold ourselves responsible to operate with our past and current resources, to ensure our best possible future

Trust, Respect, and Inclusive Community

The majority of the Housing values centers on community and the interconnectedness that results from many people coming together to live in a shared space with diverse experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives. Housing recognizes the need to provide guidance around how behaviors in our campus communities may promote trust and respect and invest in inclusive communities. As such, behavior that may jeopardize the physical, mental, emotional health, and/or safety of either a group or an individual will not be permitted within our communities.

Resource Stewardship

Not only will Housing strive to be responsible stewards operating with our past and current resources, but we also ask that residents consider their environments and how to be responsible stewards of the resources available and around them. Care and protection of both community and personal property are a shared responsibility to reduce incidences of property loss and damage.

Creativity and Innovation

No one action or guideline can contribute to everyone's success and progress through their OSU careers. Policies and practices are assessed and reevaluated annually to ensure any guidance provided to our students is in line with their success and continued advancement within OSU. As people and communities change, so too must the agreements and responsibility of the community members within. All community members within Housing facilities are asked to continually reflect on their past, current, and future behavior to determine how they want to be recognized and remembered within their communities.

Interdependent Relationships and Shared Leadership

In order for a large number of people to live together within a healthy community, it is the responsibility of each member of that community to respect the needs and rights of the other

members. Housing provides guidance to residents in our facilities that foster and encourage a safe and healthy shared campus living environment. All residents are responsible not only for their own behavior but also for the behavior of their guests. All must abide by the community standards to protect your rights, as well as the rights of others, in order to make residential living a positive aspect of your college experience. The behavior and actions of each individual has ripple effects that can cascade into the broader community environment. All members of the community are connected by their shared living environment.

All OSU students are expected to follow all University policies and rules, including but not limited to the [Code of Student Conduct](#) and all applicable federal and state laws.

Housing/OSU Residents Rights and Responsibilities

The University staff does not assume the role of campus parent, and you will seldom be told what to do or not do with regard to your personal behavior. The obvious exception, as with society at large, is when individual behavior disrupts the legitimate educational pursuits of others within the residence halls. As a resident of OSU's residence halls or apartments, you possess specific individual rights which your roommate(s) and those living around you must respect. These rights carry with them a reciprocal responsibility on your part to ensure that these same rights exist for your roommate, suitemates, floor mates, and other residents.

The following is a list of some of your *rights* – things to which you are entitled as a student living in one of OSU's on-campus living environments – and your *responsibilities* – things that are expected of you as a member of a residential living unit and community. These rights and responsibilities are aspirational and are not legally binding (unless contained in your contract(s)) but they are principles that are meant to complement formal living groups and university policies.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to as safe and secure a living space as is reasonably practicable;
YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to keep your room or apartment door and hall doors locked, to not prop doors or allow strangers into the building or common areas, and to report concerning behavior to university staff or Campus Safety in a timely manner.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to a reasonably peaceful and quiet place in which you can sleep and study;
YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to observe quiet hours, to keep your music, electronic devices, and your voice at a reasonable volume, and to remind others that you expect the same of them.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to reasonable expectations of privacy and to the proportionate use of your room, both in terms of space and time, and the right to be free of unwanted guests in your room;
YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to let your roommate(s) know of your wishes and preferences for hours of sleep, study, and visitation, and to work through any differences you may have in a respectful manner within the guidelines established in this Housing Policy Guide.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to safely and respectfully confront another person's behavior that infringes on your rights;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to examine your own behavior when confronted by another and to work toward resolving conflicts, and to monitor your own behavior to ensure it is not impacting the rights of other students to live in a safe environment free from disruption.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to the assistance of your Residential Education or other University staff members when you need help with a reasonably communicated problem;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to notify a staff person of your problem in a timely manner and to be cooperative with those involved as they work with you to resolve your problem.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to know what behavior is expected in your living group;

YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY to read the information provided for you by Housing, especially the Housing and Dining contract, the Student Family Housing rental agreement, and applicable University Policies.

You and your community may choose to add to this list. It is important that these items and the concept of others' rights and responsibilities be discussed throughout the year. The Residential Education staff does not, nor can it, guarantee you will attain these rights at all times. You share the responsibility. You can help ensure that everyone's rights will be honored through thoughtful discussion and open communication with roommates, suitemates, floormates, and other residents.

The Residential Education staff is committed to offering you an environment which will allow you to grow; the extent to which you take advantage of these opportunities is up to you. There are risks associated with programs and activities within the University setting. Please take the time to recognize the voluntary nature of these activities and programs that are offered.

The Residential Education staff hopes you will invest in your own development and growth. This investment will pay off many times over. The staff is available and wants to help you accomplish this goal.

Residential Education Policies and Agreements for Residence Halls and Other Housing Spaces

Acceptable Use of University Computing Facilities

Students must follow the policy regarding the [acceptable use of University computing facilities](#). The University takes copyright infringement and unauthorized file sharing seriously and engaging in this behavior can have significant negative financial and legal ramifications.

Alcohol

1. Residents and their guests must abide by the [Code of Student Conduct](#) expectations regarding alcohol use. Residents and their guests who are under the age of 21 are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol.
2. No resident, or their guests, regardless of age, may possess or consume hard alcohol in the residence halls. Hard alcohol is defined as alcohol that is equal to or greater than 15 percent alcohol by volume or 30 proof.
3. Residents and their guests may not consume alcohol in the presence of those under the age of 21. It is a violation of policy for anyone under the age of 21 to be present in a residential space where they know that alcohol or alcohol containers are present (empty or full), or in a common area where violations of this policy are occurring.

4. Residents who are 21 years of age or older may possess alcohol, with the exception of hard alcohol (defined as equal to or greater than 15 percent alcohol by volume or 30 proof) which is never permitted, if they follow the requirements listed below:
 - a. Residents who are at least 21 years of age may not consume alcohol in the room in the presence of individuals, including roommates, who are under the age of 21.
 - b. Residents of legal age must discreetly transport alcohol to their rooms.
 - c. Residents of legal age may only store their alcohol out of view in their assigned area of the room.
5. It is a violation of housing policy to provide alcohol to anyone regardless of age who is visibly intoxicated.
6. It is a violation of housing policy to be publicly intoxicated in the residence halls. Students who are 21 or over and are disruptive because of the use of alcohol may be considered in violation of this policy.
7. Open containers of alcohol are not permitted in public or common areas either inside or outside of residential buildings. Common areas include, but are not limited to, outside entry or adjacent sidewalk areas, all lounges, lobbies, kitchenettes, recreation rooms, entertainment areas, hallways, bathrooms, stairways, fire exits, elevators, and laundry rooms, and a student room with an open door.
8. Games of chance, imitation or actual drinking games, contests, and other activities that induce, encourage, or result in the rapid consumption of alcohol are prohibited. Items used for drinking games or other activities that encourage the excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol (e.g., keg, beer pong tables, beer bongs, funnels, etc.) are prohibited.

University officials will ask individuals who violate the alcohol policy to dispose of all alcohol in their possession. Students who violate the alcohol policy may be referred for disciplinary action. University officials have discretion to call police. Housing staff will dispose of alcohol found abandoned in public areas. Housing staff will direct students to dispose of alcohol that is determined to have been in the illegal possession of a student.

If you have any questions or concerns about alcohol use, you are encouraged to talk with a staff

member in the Student Wellness office. They are trained staff that provide information, assistance, and counseling. For more information on alcohol and other drugs, please visit the [OSU-Cascades Student Health and Wellness website](#).

Animals

Students may not have pets in any residential building, with the exception of fish kept in one aquarium no larger than 10 gallons. Fish kept as pets in residential buildings must remain in their aquariums at all times. No gravel is allowed down the drains in the sinks, showers, or toilets.

Exceptions to this policy are granted for students who have a preapproved service or emotional support animal through Disability Access Services (DAS). For more information please review the DAS Student Handbook [chapter for Service and Emotional Support Animals](#).

DAS-approved service or emotional support animals must not pose a health or safety risk or create a significant disruption to the educational environment. The University may require a resident to remove an approved animal from residential facilities in the following instances:

- The animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others;
- The animal causes significant property damage;
- The animal creates significant disruption to the community such that the educational goals of the living environment are not met; or
- The resident does not comply at any time with their responsibilities as outlined in the Service and Assistance Animal checklist in effect starting from the time that their animal is approved to live in residence.

If you notice stray animals in or around the living groups, please notify a staff member so that the animal can be appropriately assisted or relocated. You must not abuse, feed, or bring the animal into any Housing building.

Building Security

1. All residence halls are locked 24 hours a day. Propping doors jeopardizes the safety of students, staff, and property. Residents are prohibited from propping exterior doors or leaving doors propped open.
2. Residents may not open doors for non-residents of the hall or allow non-residents to follow

them into the building. Residents are responsible for the behavior of anyone they allow into the building. See the Visitors and Guests Policy for more information.

3. Residents are responsible for proper use of the key(s) and electronic access devices (ID card or proximity device) issued to them by the University and/or Housing. Students may not loan keys, ID cards, or proximity devices to other people.
4. Residents may not duplicate University-issued keys.

Residents are encouraged to keep their room doors locked at all times, including when they leave their room (even for a short while) and when they are sleeping. To enhance safety and security efforts, security video cameras may be placed in halls, lobby, stairwells, or other public areas. These cameras are not continuously monitored.

Cannabis

1. Residents and their guests must abide by the [Code of Student Conduct](#) expectations regarding cannabis use.
2. The possession, use or distribution of cannabis in university housing is prohibited. This is true regardless of age or medical marijuana cardholder status.
3. It is a violation of policy for anyone to knowingly be present in a room/suite where cannabis is present, or where violations of the Cannabis section of the Code of Student Conduct are taking place.
4. It is prohibited to be under the influence of cannabis in any form. Students who exhibit behaviors that appear to have been influenced by cannabis use may be subject to disciplinary process. Such behaviors may include but are not limited to smell of cannabis or disruptive behavior due to cannabis use.
5. Students may not possess cannabis paraphernalia, which includes equipment, products and materials of any kind which are marketed for use or designed for cannabis use including, but not limited to, bongs, smoking pipes, vaporizers, and roach clips. For a more complete listing of prohibited items please see Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 475B.376.

Because cannabis is prohibited on campus regardless of age or medical cardholder status, Housing staff will work with Campus Safety to remove and destroy cannabis in any form and/or drug paraphernalia that is found on campus property.

If you have any questions or concerns about drug use, you are encouraged to talk with a staff member in the Student Wellness office. They are trained staff that provide information, assistance, and counseling. For more information on alcohol and other drugs, please visit the [OSU-Cascades Student Health and Wellness](#) website.

Conflict and Community Responsibility

Choosing to join the OSU community as a student obligates each member to a code of responsible behavior. Policies support the health and safety of the OSU community, support a learning environment that is free from disruption, further the educational pursuits for the community members, and limit property harm.

Students are encouraged to hold each other accountable and report concerning behaviors, as the [Code of Student Conduct](#) strives to create a community that protects the safety, wellness, and educational focus of students. In line with this Community Standards affirmation, Housing matches these standards and prohibits interpersonal behavior that is disruptive, harassing, threatening, or violent (as outlined in the [Code of Student Conduct](#)) in our residential communities and spaces.

Roommate Conflicts:

- Roommates are asked to complete and participate in a room discussion and agreement with all individuals they live with at the start of each term and whenever a new roommate joins in order to address any potential issues that may arise in such close proximity.
- Residents should make every effort to resolve minor interpersonal conflicts within the roommate group. Residents are encouraged to request staff assistance if there is any impediment to open discussion of roommate conflicts or if the interpersonal conflicts escalate.
- When roommate conflicts arise, residents are encouraged to engage in open discussion of

issues, assumptions, and habits that are creating or exacerbating the conflict; Resident Assistants, Residential Education Coordinators, and the University Ombuds Office are available as resources for these conversations.

- Residents experiencing interpersonal conflicts may be invited to participate in a conflict resolution conversation with a Residential Education Coordinator or Housing professional staff prior to any room change requests being considered.

Interpersonal Conflicts

- No resident may attempt to force or influence (via harassment, bullying, coercion, or other means) another resident to request a room change once a room has been selected or to prevent a resident from selecting a room that is available to them through equitable room selection processes.
- No resident may, through intentional or willful force or influence, make a (current or prospective) roommate feel unsafe or unwelcome in their shared space, including the use of room furniture while occupancy is lower than its expected maximum.
- Residents may not create or participate in situations that deny roommates their reasonable rights to sleep, study, or socialize as established by Housing Policy Guide and OSU Code of Student Conduct.

Disruptive Behavior

1. Any act that poses a danger to health, safety, or property within Housing facilities is prohibited.
2. Students shall not obstruct or disrupt the University living environment. Disruptive behavior is behavior that interferes with the University living and learning environment, or that interferes with the other students' rights to socialize, study, or sleep. Disruptive behavior may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Excessive noise or nuisance;
 - b. Failure to cooperate with the reasonable directive of a university official (including all members of the Housing faculty and staff), acting in the performance of their duties;

- c. Entering another resident's room without expressed consent from the resident(s) of that room;
 - d. Continual targeting or harassment of neighbors and/or community members related to pranks, practical jokes, or other actions not deemed illegal or threatening in nature.
3. Hall staff reserve the right to confiscate items that cause disruption to the living environment.
 4. The laws and University policies applicable in this area include, but are not limited to: disorderly conduct, malicious mischief, reckless endangerment, threats, harassment (racial, sexual, etc., whether by phone, electronic medium, or in person, as set forth in OSU Policy.
 5. Any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video recording of any person without that person's prior knowledge, or without effective consent when such a recording is likely to cause injury or distress, is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, surreptitiously taking pictures of another person in a restroom or other location or activity where a person would expect privacy.

Drugs

1. Residents and their guests must abide by the [Code of Student Conduct](#) expectations regarding drug use.
2. The possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs in Housing is prohibited. The illegal possession, use, or distribution of prescription drugs in Housing is also prohibited.
3. The use of substances outside of their intended purposes and in a manner not prescribed by a physician is prohibited. Prescription drugs are permitted on campus if accompanied by an authentic medical prescription. Use of legal medication outside the parameters of the medical authorization is prohibited.
4. It is prohibited to be under the influence of federally controlled substances in any form. Students who exhibit behaviors that appear to have been influenced by the use of a federally controlled substance may be subject to disciplinary process. Such behaviors may include, but are not limited to, slurred speech, smell or odor, lack of balance, or swaying. Students are reminded that being under the influence of drugs, including legal substances such as salvia, is not an excuse for disruptive behavior or other violations of university policies or rules.

5. Students may not possess drug paraphernalia. Drug paraphernalia includes equipment, products, and materials of any kind which are marketed for use or designed for drug use including, but not limited to, bongs, smoking pipes, vaporizers, syringe needles, and roach clips. For a more complete listing of prohibited items please see Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 475.525.
6. It is a violation of policy for anyone to knowingly be present in a room/suite where illegal substances are present, or where violations of the Drugs section of the [Code of Student Conduct](#) behavioral expectations are taking place.
7. Opioid use and abuse has had a significant impact across the country. To help prevent the loss of life due to an overdose, staff have access to Naloxone kits. Naloxone is also carried by staff and officers within the Department of Public Safety and can be obtained from Student Health Services.

If you have any questions or concerns about alcohol use, you are encouraged to talk with a staff member in the Student Wellness office. They are trained staff that provide information, assistance, and counseling. For more information on alcohol and other drugs, please visit the [OSU-Cascades Student Health and Wellness website](#).

Electronics and Electrical Appliances

1. Students may not plug power strips or extension cords into other power strips or extension cords.
2. The following items may not be used or possessed inside of Housing buildings and within 30 feet of Housing buildings: extension cords without fuse protectors.
3. Please exercise good judgement when deciding to bring items to the residence halls. All items need to meet the following criteria to be permitted within the residence halls:
 - a. All items must be in good working order and cannot be under recall by the manufacturer. Some information regarding recalls can be found on the [Consumer Product Safety Commission website](#). Any damaged or altered items are prohibited.
 - b. All appliances should be UL-listed and have an automatic shutoff.

- c. Items should be shut off when not in use and any cords should be examined to ensure they are not worn, frayed or subject to pinch damage.
 - d. Items must be used as intended; misuse or illegal use of electrical appliances creates serious hazards in residence halls and is prohibited.
 - e. Appliances may not have exposed heating sources.
 - f. Appliances and devices in the halls should not produce an open flame.
 - g. Only enclosed appliances are permitted for food preparation; the food being prepared should not be exposed to the open air/ atmosphere while the device is operating.
 - h. Do not interfere with OSU's wireless or network infrastructure.
 - i. Any approved cooking appliance must be attended at all times while in use.
4. The following items are prohibited from and never approved in the residence halls:
- a. Air conditioners, barbecues and grills (electric, smokeless, gas, wood, coal, etc.), electric deep fryers, and sandwich makers/presses, extension cords (that do not have a surge protector or circuit breaker), fog, smoke, and haze machines, gasoline, gasoline-powered scooters, microwaves (unless microwave/refrigerator combination unit), and wireless network routers and wireless access points.
 - b. Appliances that produce steam, smoke, mist, fog, or grease laden vapors.
 - c. Any device with light bulbs that generate excessive heat (including halogen bulbs and/or incandescent bulbs that exceed 60 watts).
 - d. Any device that would exceed the electrical load.
 - e. If you have a special need for an exception, please talk to your Resident Director or Area Director, who can guide you through the process.
5. Exceptions (Allowed with Proper Usage)
- a. Some coffee makers:
 - i. Coffee makers that do not use a warming plate to keep the coffee warm, can be used in all residence hall rooms.
 - ii. Coffee makers with warming plates are permitted only in Halsell Hall, and only if it remains in the kitchen area of the suite, is UL listed, and has an

automatic shut off function.

- b. Some food preparation appliances may be granted an exception if the owners meet and get approval from their resident director. Conditions for approval include:
 - i. The appliances are UL listed, have a three-prong power cord, have an automatic shut-off, and have a built-in thermal safety fuse.
 - ii. Used in community kitchens (or Halsell suite kitchens).
 - iii. Are attended at all times when in use.
 - iv. Approved appliances may not be used in residence hall rooms. They may only be stored in rooms once properly cooled and cleaned.
- c. Small appliances that are allowed:
 - i. Electric kettles used to boil water (and do not have a heating plate).
 - ii. Rice cookers and slow cookers (must be used in the hall kitchens).
 - iii. Toasters or toaster ovens are only allowed with prior approval; they may only be used in hall kitchens (or Halsell suite kitchens).
- d. Clothes irons, clothes steamers, curling irons, hot curlers and flat irons. These items are permitted as long as they are used according to manufacturer's instructions and are UL listed.
- e. Scent diffusers (plug-in, reed diffusers, wax melts, and other scent dispersing devices that do not make a flame or cause mist/smoke)
- f. Power strips or a plug multiplier. Power strips and plug multipliers must have a built-in circuit breaker/surge protector to be permitted within the residence halls.
- g. Some refrigerators:
 - i. Small refrigerators that are not part of a microwave/refrigerator combination unit are allowed, as long as they meet the following criteria: Energy Star rated, draw 11 amps or less, and are 3.2 cubic feet or less. Housing strongly recommends that residents only have one refrigerator per room, due to load limitations on our campus' electrical system.
 - ii. Housing recommends residents contact their roommate(s) in advance of move-in to determine who will bring shared items/appliances. All halls have

- shared, full- sized refrigerators available for resident use in common areas.
- h. Electric bikes, scooters, and hoverboards with the UL 2272 safety standard are allowed for storage in residence hall rooms with the following criteria required:
 - i. They are not used/ ridden in the residence halls, including moving the items from the outdoors and into the residence hall rooms
 - ii. The owner is present while the device is charging
 - iii. The device is unplugged from charging when the room occupants are sleeping or out of the room
 - iv. The charging is away from light combustible materials
 - v. The device is approved by the residence director
 - vi. The roommate(s) is comfortable with the device being in the room
 - i. Space heaters are allowed with the following criteria:
 - i. Approved by the resident director
 - ii. UL listed and in perfect working condition
 - iii. The device will have clearance of 36 inches from other objects and materials
 - iv. The heater is radiator-style and enclosed – there are no exposed heating elements
 - v. The space heater is only used while room occupants are in attendance.
 - j. 3D Printers. 3D printers are permitted if all the following conditions are met:
 - i. Must be approved in advance; you can seek permission to have a 3D printer by emailing housing@osucascades.edu. Your emailed request should include your name and room number; affirmative statement that you have sought and been granted permission by any roommate(s) to have the printer in your room; the brand, model number, and specifications of your printer; and the filament you plan to use. Non-approved 3D printers are prohibited. Printers may need to be inspected before approved; Housing will communicate additional instructions for how to have your printer approved.
 - ii. If contracted to a space with roommates, resident must gain approval in advance from roommates to have printer in space as the process produces

heat, noise, odor, and particles.

- iii. Polylactic Acid (PLA) filament is required. No other filaments, including Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS), may be used under any circumstances in the residence halls.
- iv. Printers that do not have automatic thermal shutdown are never permitted in the residence halls. Any attempt to circumvent thermal protections or any other built-in safety measures in firmware or through other means may result in disciplinary action.
- v. Printer must have proper ventilation due to production of ultrafine particles and heat during the printing process. Do not place printers in enclosed spaces such as wardrobes, dressers, closets, etc.
- vi. Printers must be attended at all times while in use.
- vii. 3D printers may be used only for lawful purposes. A resident will not be permitted to possess a 3D printer in the residence hall if they use it to create material that is:
 - Prohibited by applicable law.
 - Dangerous or poses an immediate threat to the well-being of others, including printing components of any weapons.
 - Obscene or otherwise prohibited by University policy, the Code of Student Conduct, or this Policy Guide.

Evacuation

1. When a fire alarm is activated, all persons inside a residential or dining facility are required to leave the building immediately, even if it is believed to be a drill or false alarm, unless directed otherwise by a University official, the fire marshal, or emergency responders.
2. All residents are required to become familiar with the building fire evacuation plan. Each hall has an Emergency Evacuation Plan with detailed instructions for fire safety, evacuation, and training requirements.
3. Fire alarm pull stations are located in each building. If there is a fire, pull the alarm, and exit the

building.

4. When an alarm sounds, follow these guidelines:
 - a. Close room doors and windows.
 - b. Wear shoes and carry or wear a coat.
 - c. Don't panic - move quickly outside the building to at least 50 feet away from the structure and to the designated assembly point, and follow the directions of personnel from the Fire Department, Campus Safety, or Residential Education hall staff, as applicable. If you have questions about where your designated assembly point is located, please talk to your Residential Education staff member(s).
5. Do not use elevators as exit routes. Use exterior stairwells or fire escape ladders. As a second option, use a central staircase.
6. If you are on an upper floor and are not able to escape from your room:
 - a. Close your door and seal it off with a towel or blanket. Dial 9-1-1 and report your situation to the dispatcher. Don't hang up until directed to do so.
 - b. Hang a brightly colored sheet or towel from your window to alert emergency crews to your location.
 - c. Open your window for fresh air if necessary. If smoke enters the room from the outside, CLOSE your window immediately.
 - d. Wait for rescue. You can be safe inside your room for a long time as long as you don't panic, open the door, or prematurely jump from your window.

It is the responsibility of all residents to familiarize themselves with proper fire and emergency evacuation procedures. Evacuation guidelines are posted in each room.

Failure to respond to a fire alarm or to Housing staff requests during an evacuation may result in University disciplinary action and/or municipal fines. University officials may refer residents to the Oregon State University Police Department for investigation and prosecution through the District Attorney's Office if they appear to be engaged in any of the following activities: Pranks or false fire alarms that violate any fire safety policy, attempted arson, or arson. In addition, they are subject to immediate housing removal and other University disciplinary action, including fines and restitution.

Facility and Common Area Use

1. Residents are prohibited from:
 - a. Damaging any Housing-owned property or property owned by other residents.
 - b. Permanently altering Housing-owned property/space.
2. Residents are required to report any individuals they witness damaging property. If they fail to report, a witness may be subject to disciplinary action for damaging property if they fail to report.
3. Residents may use bathroom facilities that identify with their gender identity, including same gender, all-gender, or multi-gender bathroom facilities.
4. Residents and their guests are not allowed to sleep in public or common areas.
5. Residents must keep their contracted spaces (including bathrooms, common spaces, and shared kitchens in suite-style arrangements) clean and free of health and safety hazards.
6. Residents must clean up after themselves in common areas. Common areas can include kitchens, lounges, lobbies, bathrooms, laundry rooms or other space that is for general resident use.
 - a. All trash must be taken to the outside dumpster or compactor designated for your building.
 - b. All corrugated cardboard must be taken to your building's designated cardboard dumpster. Corrugated cardboard is not allowed in residence hall rooms and cannot be saved for storage. Corrugated cardboard is also not allowed in common areas, including near indoor recycling areas.
7. Room and common area furniture may not be removed from their designated locations. Lost or damaged furnishings will be charged to the residents of the room. Violators may be referred for conduct proceedings and/or prosecuted for criminal charges.
8. Housing-provided facilities, furniture, and property must be utilized in the manner for which they were intended. Improper use includes but is not limited to stacking common area furniture and misusing fire escapes.
9. Students may not remove window screens. This includes but is not limited to lounge and resident room window screens.
10. Residents in Housing facilities can be held responsible for the damages or misuse they have

caused to Housing or another resident's property.

If a resident is found responsible for damaging property they may be billed for the cost to repair/replace the damaged item. Damages that are unaccounted for may be divided and charged proportionately to each individual in that living unit, depending on the circumstances and the extent of the damage.

If you observe someone damaging property, please report the activity to hall staff or Campus Safety. Residents who do not maintain cleanliness will be charged an hourly fee for the removal of trash or room cleaning. Maintaining cleanliness will help prevent pests from entering the living space. Please do your part to help maintain an optimal living environment.

Failure to Comply

1. Students must comply with reasonable directions of university officials or University law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties.
2. Students must identify themselves to university officials or University law enforcement officers when requested to do so.
3. Students may not knowingly give untrue statements, hinder, delay, or obstruct any University officer or employee in the discharge of official duties.
4. Students are expected to complete required sanctions by the assigned deadline or face further disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, being removed from housing with responsibility for all appropriate charges and fees, having a hold placed on their account (preventing them from registering, dropping or adding classes, getting transcripts or grades), and being required to complete additional sanctions.
5. Students who assist anyone in a policy violation or a crime may be in violation of housing policy themselves.

Fire Safety

1. Students may not tamper with, disable, cover, or damage fire equipment, including but not

limited to sprinkler heads, smoke detectors, alarms/strobe lights, exit signs, pull stations, sprinkler system, fire doors and fire extinguishers, heat sensors, and fire safety signage.

Students who tamper with fire equipment may face disciplinary action and/or a monetary fine, and may also be referred to law enforcement authorities. Students may not hang items from the sprinkler heads, cages covering the sprinkler heads, or pipes associated with sprinklers.

2. The following items are prohibited from the residence halls or for use within 30 feet of Housing facilities:
 - a. Combustible materials or liquids, live cut trees, dried plants, light bulbs that generate excessive heat (including halogen and/or incandescent bulbs that exceed 60 watts), or other large flammable material.
 - b. Candles, or any other object that produces an open flame (for any purpose, including ceremonial, decorative, or scent burning purposes).
 - c. Any object that smolders (incense, sage, sweetgrass, etc.) unless they are preapproved for a religious and/or spiritual accommodation under the process below.
3. Storing flammable or combustible liquids or gasses. Students may not actively burn any object that smolders (incense, sage, sweetgrass, etc.) inside of and/or within 30 feet of Housing buildings unless they are approved for religious and/or spiritual accommodation. Please contact housing@osucascades.edu for further assistance.
4. Hall fire doors MUST be closed at all times unless they are held open by magnets that are connected to the fire alarm system. These doors must be free of obstruction and able to close should the fire alarm sound.
5. Hallways must remain clear of all items that pose a tripping hazard. These items include, but are not limited to shoes, bikes, bed parts, floor mats, and trash.
6. Residents and their guests may not leave food unattended while cooking. Residents may only put food and items that are microwave safe into a microwave.
7. Doors and walls in the hallway must be clear of large coverings that are taped or tacked to the surface. No more than 30% of any door or wall surface (hallway or interior room) may be covered with combustible materials.
 - a. Peepholes in doors may not be covered or tampered with.

- b. Wall surfaces include doors, resident doors, windows, ceilings and floors.
- c. Please refer to the [Housing General Promotion Guidelines](#) for additional information about posting materials anywhere other than your assigned residence hall room door.

Any fire equipment that requires maintenance should be reported immediately to a Residential Education staff member or to the Service Center.

Firearms, Weapons, Destructive Devices, Fireworks, Explosives and Combustibles

1. Possession, use, or threatened use of firearms, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, weapons, and destructive devices are prohibited.
 - a. “Firearm” means a gun, whether loaded or unloaded, that discharges shot or a projectile by means of an explosive, a gas, compressed air, or mechanical force. By way of example and without limitation, firearms include shotguns, rifles, handguns, pellet guns, BB guns, flare guns, Airsoft-type guns, and other similar devices.
 - b. “Weapon” means an instrument, article or substance that is designed, used or likely to be used to cause bodily harm or property damage, or that could create a dangerous situation by their possession or use. Weapons include the following items:
 - i. Any knife having a blade that projects or swings into position by force of a spring, by centrifugal force or by gravity, and is commonly known as a switchblade knife;
 - ii. Any hunting or target bow, any crossbow;
 - iii. Any dirk, dagger, slingshot, metal knuckles, or any similar instrument that, when used, could inflict injury upon the person or property of any other person;
 - iv. Pepper spray (in dispensers containing greater than two ounces, except when used as an animal deterrent in a university Research Forest, Experiment Station, or similar university property), tear gas, or similar deleterious agent capable of generating offensive, noxious or suffocating fumes, gases or vapor or capable of immobilizing a person;
 - v. Paintball guns, ammunition, and non-functioning firearm replicas that could be confused with actual firearms;

- c. “Destructive Device” means any explosives (including fireworks), incendiary, bomb, grenade, missile, mine, projectile containing an explosive or incendiary material, or any other chemical substance, or similar device or dangerous materials, or any launching device that could cause bodily injury.
2. Firearms are not allowed in any residence hall, dining center, or Housing office, meeting, or classroom space, even if an individual has a license to possess the firearm. Law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties are exempted.
3. Any device that projects items, including, but not limited to, slingshots, blowguns, Nerf or Nerf-like guns, air soft guns, and imitation weapons are prohibited.
4. Dangerous chemicals, explosives and highly combustible or corrosive materials may not be used or stored in or near the living groups. This includes, but is not limited to, fireworks, any kind of explosive device (whether it uses combustible or non-combustible fuel), gasoline, propane, kerosene, lighting fluids, laboratory chemicals, photography chemicals, gun powder, paints, car batteries, tear-gas, and paint thinners.
5. Equipment and vehicles that use combustible fuel are also prohibited in or near the buildings.
6. Setting off firecrackers and other destructive devices in and around the living groups is prohibited and may be subject to immediate removal from housing.

Gambling

The University prohibits gambling as proscribed by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 167. It is a violation of Housing policy to participate in games of chance when real money or units representing real money (i.e., poker chips) are at risk. This includes online gambling from one’s room or using OSU’s computer network. Games of chance where real money is not at risk (e.g., Casino Night sponsored by the Residence Hall Association) are allowed.

Health and Safety

1. Housing is committed to the health and wellbeing of all residents. Should a resident become ill with a suspected, presumptive, or confirmed communicable disease that poses a potential

health risk to the community, Housing staff will work with Student Health Services staff to identify and offer appropriate resources such as temporary housing assignment for any student who is ill and may need a more private or isolated space during their illness, meal delivery, and/or extra cleaning by custodial staff.

2. Residents are required to comply with any mandatory health and safety rules in executive orders, policies, procedures, and guidelines established by Housing, Oregon State University, Benton County Public Health, and the State of Oregon.
3. If the use of any item poses a health or safety concern, causes a disruption to the community, causes property damage or property loss, regardless of whether the item is approved, you may be subject to disciplinary action and associated costs or sanctions.

Roofs, Windows, and Ledges

4. Residents may not hang items outside their room windows (such as towels, lights, banners, etc.), except in the case of an emergency in which the room resident(s) requires rescue by emergency personnel.
5. Absolutely no person or property is allowed on the outside window ledges, window frames, roofs, outside walls, stairwell grids, or other outside exteriors. Students may not climb, rappel, sit on, or jump from roofs, ledges, or balconies. Throwing or dropping anything from or to buildings, windows, balconies, or ledges is prohibited.
6. Students may not access roof areas on any Housing building or overhang.
7. If a personal item such as a Frisbee gets stuck on a roof, overhang, or walkway, the resident will need to alert the Service Center staff, Resident Assistant, or Resident/Area Director in order to have the item returned safely.
 - a. No one else may attempt to access a roof.
 - b. Anyone, including guests, violating this policy may be immediately removed from the facility, damages may be assessed to the responsible student(s), and further conduct action may be taken.
8. Students responsible for throwing objects from or at a living group may be subject to immediate disciplinary action and possible removal from the building. This includes but is not limited to pouring water out of windows.

Noise and Quiet Hours

The realities of community living dictate that individuals respect community needs for the moderation of noise regardless of established quiet hours. Noise is any sound that is disturbing to any resident. In an effort to reduce the amount of noise in the living groups, specified quiet hours are established in each living group.

Excessive Noise

1. Noises that are disruptive at any time are prohibited. Disruptive noises, including but not limited to loud stereos, amplified instruments, or loud voices, infringe on the rights of other students. Residents with stereos are encouraged to use headphones.
2. Amplifying music or other sounds out of residence hall windows into public spaces is prohibited.
3. While it is the responsibility of all to control noise, it is also the responsibility of those bothered by noise to contact the offending party and request that the problem be corrected. All residents must assume responsibility for monitoring their own behavior.

Courtesy Hours

Courtesy hours are in effect at all times. Courtesy hours allow all residents to sleep, study, and relax or host visitors without distracting noises from neighbors. If any student makes a reasonable request that another student reduce the volume of their music, talking, or TV or other device, they must comply with the request.

Residents must comply with staff requests to reduce noise; for more information see the failure to comply policy. Retaliation against the person requesting may result in further conduct action.

Quiet Hours

Quiet hours are in effect from 10 PM – 10 AM Sunday through Thursday, and midnight – 10 AM Friday and Saturday. Individual living groups through a community standards meeting facilitated by hall staff at which the majority of the floor is present and the Resident Director approves of the changes, may choose to establish a stricter policy at any time, should they so desire. When quiet

hours are in effect, the living environment should be quiet enough to allow others to sleep.

During the week before Finals and Finals Week, quiet hours are extended to 22 hours per day, with courtesy hours in effect from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Students in violation of quiet hours during the final two weeks of the term may be asked to immediately leave the living group.

Smoking and Tobacco Use and Possession

1. Oregon State University is a smoke and tobacco-free campus. No one under the age of 21 may possess or use any tobacco products or inhalant delivery systems in Housing facilities, including but not limited to cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or vape pens, hookahs, cigars, pipes, and incense.
2. Tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, may not be used in or 30 feet around Housing facilities.
3. Due to increased fire risk and impacts on the local alarm system, no one, regardless of their age, is permitted to possess electronic cigarettes, vaporizers or vape pens, hookahs or hookah smoking accessories, or pipes within Housing facilities.
4. Smoking or carrying any lighted smoking device or apparatus is prohibited for those of any age within all Housing facilities and the entire OSU Corvallis and Bend campuses. For more information, please see OSU's [Smoking and Tobacco Use on University Property Policy](#).
5. It is a violation of policy for anyone to knowingly be present in a Housing room/suite where someone under the age of 21 is smoking or possessing any tobacco products, or where someone of any age is possessing or using inhalant delivery systems. Regardless of age, it is prohibited to possess any of the items above in the residence halls.

Solicitation

For the protection, privacy, and prevention of the interruption of studies of residents, solicitation, advertising, promotion, and commercial transactions are prohibited in the living areas of the residence halls. If you encounter such activity, contact a Housing staff member or Campus Safety immediately.

Exceptions:

If students wish to receive donations for a cause in exchange for a service in the hall, the following conditions must be met:

- Participants must be residents of the building.
- Participants need Housing staff pre-approval.
- Participants and Sponsors will provide posters to Housing staff for posting (approved by Hall staff) in the living group at least 3 days before the event stating date, time, what they will be doing, and why.
- Participants and Sponsors may only go to open doors and ask residents if they would like the offered service (e.g. trash removal). They may not knock door-to-door. They may not approach closed doors. Residents may donate the monetary amount they would like for the service. (For instance, residents should not be required to give a specific amount. They should be able to give as much or as little as they deem fit.)

Sports and Recreation

1. Activities in hallways, residence hall rooms, lounges, or other indoor areas, or areas adjacent to buildings that could interfere with the living-learning environment are prohibited.
 - This includes but is not limited to activities such as dribbling basketballs, running in the halls, throwing or catching objects of any kind, skateboarding, riding bikes, and any other activity that could be considered a sport.
2. Students may only lock bikes to designated bike racks.
3. All roommates must agree before a bike may be stored in a room. If one roommate objects, a

bike must be locked to a designated bike rack or in a bike room.

- Bicyclists must walk their bikes when they are in the building.
4. No stunts, jumps, tricks, or other such activities are permitted on Housing property.
 - This includes, but is not limited to jumps, stunts, and tricks using skateboards, rollerblades, or bicycles; parkour; or slack lining outside of designated areas.
 5. Drones may not be used inside residential facilities or in a manner that violates other institutional policies.
 6. The use, possession, or storage of hoverboards or other self-balancing scooter devices is prohibited inside all Housing facilities.

All bicycles that are found locked to something other than a designated bike rack may be immediately impounded by Campus Safety.

We encourage students to check on their bikes regularly and to report missing property to Campus Safety. OSU is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items of personal property.

Visitors and Guests

1. “Guest” and “visitor” are defined as any individual who is not a contracted resident of the specific room or building in question. No persons other than escorted guests, residents, or University staff on University business may enter a living group.
2. Residents must escort their guest(s) the entire time their guest(s) is in the building.
3. Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guest(s). Guests are expected to comply with all state, federal, and University rules, standards and policies.
4. Only people assigned to a room may reside in that room.
5. Guests are permitted only with the permission of the contracted resident(s) of the room and then only in designated areas and within the previously agreed upon frequency. In no event will guests be permitted more often than the frequency listed below. Residents may have guests stay providing they meet all of the following criteria:
 - they receive permission from all roommate(s) or suitemate(s), if applicable;

- the guest does not violate fire occupancy restrictions for overnight stays;
 - during visits during the day, the guest does not stay for longer periods of time than agreed upon by all the contracted residents of the space, considering what would be reasonable for other contracted residents to enjoy the use of their room/suite;
 - the guest stays no longer than three consecutive nights; and
 - residents may only have a guest stay for a total of seven nights in an academic year.
6. Residents may not give their room or hall key or ID cards to their guests.
 7. Guests under the age of 16 are not permitted in university-owned student housing at any time unless they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
 8. Guests that are violating policies or damaging property may be asked to leave.
 - Roommates and suitemates are strongly encouraged to take some time to talk about arrangements for guests and about how all parties feel about the potential disruption guests can cause before the guests are invited to stay.
 - If roommates feel that their rights are being violated, it is their responsibility to contact a staff member. If roommates feel a crime has been committed, they should contact Campus Safety.

Housing Common Area/ Use Policy

“Common Area” refers to any space in the residence hall that is intended for the general use of the students who live in that facility. Common Areas typically include main lounges, floor lounges, lobby areas, study rooms, and community space or meeting rooms. Housing provides Common Areas for students to study, socialize, and build relationships. The purpose of this Common Area Use Policy is to attempt to assure that the use of space in the building is maximized for all residents who wish to utilize the space consistent with University policy.

Students are permitted to share use of Common Area space for individual or informal small-group purposes when the space is not reserved. Students using Common Areas must not interfere with others’ use of the space and are subject to the other policies in this Guide. When, however, residents want to designate a specific purpose for a Common Area for a certain period of time (e.g., for

meetings or presentations), such that others cannot reasonably use it for other purposes, then a reservation request needs to be submitted to Housing staff, following the guidelines provided below.

Only designated Common Area spaces may be reserved. These spaces are typically the main lounge and meeting or common rooms; check with Housing staff for a list of the designated areas in your particular living community. Although most living communities will have designated Common Area spaces that may be reserved, some may not have them as a result of their specific layouts.

Common Areas can and will be occasionally reserved and used for University-organized activities, such as staff/Housing governance organization meetings, programs, and floor meetings. Housing staff will coordinate reservation of space. If you wish to host an event in a Common Area, please contact the Housing staff as early as possible to seek approval.

Guidelines Regarding Common Area Reservations:

- Reservations must be made in writing to the Residential Education Coordinator by a current resident of the community in which the event is to take place.
- Requests must be made no less than one week in advance of the event.
- Groups not a part of Housing must be hosted by a resident and may only reserve twice a year. Each event will be limited to no more than 2 hours in duration for outside groups. Residents are reminded that they are responsible for guest's behavior while in the building/community, per policies in this Guide.
- All reservations are subject to availability.
- For Residence Halls:
 - Reservation requests must be for weeks 2-8 of the academic term and between the hours of 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Resolving date/time conflicts about the use of Common Areas will be in the discretion of the Residential Education Coordinator. In general, priority will be given as follows:

1. Staff/Area Council/FHA programs and meetings

2. Residents' academic use
3. Residents' recreational/social use
4. Other activities/meetings

Commercial transactions are not permitted in common areas of residence halls and Housing apartment facilities. For additional information see the Solicitation policy. It is the responsibility of the person(s) using common area space to clean up after themselves and assure that the space is returned to the original condition.

All state and local laws and University and Housing policies are applicable when using common area space.

Advertising and Promotion in Housing Facilities

General Promotion Policy Guidelines

1. Advertisements must meet the following requirements to be considered for Housing distribution:
 - a. Advertisements must be submitted by, and in promotion of events, programs or initiatives affiliated with, OSU departments and registered student organizations.
 - b. Must not be misleading, fraudulent, or promoting an illegal activity.
 - c. Must not be used for any purpose that would be in direct competition with fee-based services of Residential Education and Housing.
 - d. Must contain the name of the sponsoring organization, name of the president (or other leader or contact person), and a current phone number or email address.
 - e. Must have pertinent information (i.e. dates, times, contacts, etc.) written in English, or if written in a different language, must be accompanied by an English language translation to ensure communication with the overall University community.
 - f. Must include one of the following statements:
 - i. *For alternative formats or accommodations related to a disability, please contact*

[sponsoring department/organization contact name] at [phone or email]; or

ii. *Accommodation requests related to disability should be made by [specific date] to*

[sponsoring department/organization contact person, phone number, and email address].

2. Because Residence Halls are secured as private residences, Housing community members not residing in the Residence Hall must first have their material approved by Housing.
3. Advertisements that have not been approved under this policy may be immediately removed and any associated **costs or physical damages will be charged** to those responsible parties. Students or representatives of the advertised organizations may also be referred to Student Conduct for disciplinary action.

Housing Community Standards

The University encourages students to hold each other accountable and report concerning behaviors, which will assist in the creation of a community that protects the safety, wellness, and educational focus and success of the OSU community. Housing is committed to encouraging and facilitating an on-campus experience that engages our students in community, enriches their lives, and helps students flourish and thrive.

Accordingly, all students residing in Housing managed facilities are bound by the [Code of Student Conduct](#), Housing Policy Guide, the terms and conditions of the Housing Room and Dining Contract, applicable federal, state, and local laws, and University administrative rules. The OSU student conduct process and Housing Community Standards process exist to protect the interests of the community and to challenge behavior that is not in accordance with our policies. Students who are accused of violating the Code of Conduct or Housing policies may result in conduct action by Housing, OSU's Office of Student Community Standards (SCS), or the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access (EOA).

Students are responsible for their actions and the actions of their guests and will be held accountable for violations of applicable policies, laws, and rules regulating conduct. Housing, SCS, and EOA have concurrent jurisdiction over conduct matters involving students who reside in housing. Students who no longer have a contractual relationship with Housing are referred to the office SCS for any follow-up or additional conduct action. Housing may refer any conduct matter to or consult with SCS or EOA

at any point. Matters referred to SCS or EOA, over which Housing does not maintain concurrent jurisdiction, are subject to the policies and procedures outlined in OSU's [Code of Student Conduct](#).

Educational Interventions/Sanctions

The following sanctions may be imposed by Housing as a result of the conduct hearing process as an educational means of holding students accountable for violations of conduct regulations. Educational sanctions are active and/or passive requirements that aim to foster and facilitate student learning as an outcome of the conduct process. If they are assigned, students are required to complete sanctions.

Sanctions may include:

1. Housing Warning:

- An oral or written notice stating the student has been warned that their actions or behaviors are not acceptable, that we expect that behavior modifications occur in alignment with institutional and housing policies, and that subsequent infractions may result in further disciplinary action.

2. Educational Sanctions:

- Educational sanctions include reflection papers, research papers, letters, workshops, posters, fliers, pamphlets, follow-up meetings, RA rounds, or other such sanctions with an expected attendance and/or production of an artefact that demonstrates critical thinking and learning.

3. Program Participation, including IMPACT:

- The IMPACT program sanction may be issued to any student who violates the alcohol or illegal drugs policy and who has the potential of benefiting from the program. It is not designed to meet the needs of a student with a known or potential substance use disorder. The student must pay consultation and class fees at the time of the class.

4. Community Service, as specifically detailed by the conduct hearing officer.

5. Housing Probation:

- Any violation of Housing or OSU policies or laws may result in the cancellation of a student's housing contract. Probation means that a student is not in good standing with

Housing, and any further violations may result in more severe sanctions.

6. Loss or restriction of privileges and/or locations
 - A limitation or removal of privileges including, but not limited to: being in some or all residential spaces, hosting guests in residential space, participation in social activities sponsored by Housing, ability to use meal plan after moving out of residential facilities, or the ability to sign a Housing contract for future terms/academic years.
7. Relocation of the student's designated living space to another residence hall or to another room within the same residence hall
 - Relocation often includes educational sanctions and restrictions on access to the room or residence hall where the student formerly resided.
8. Cancellation of the Housing Room and Dining Contract:
 - When contracts are cancelled to remove a student from the residence hall as a result of administrative action taken by Housing or Student Conduct and Community Standards, the student is not permitted in any Housing facility without express written consent from Housing. Removals may occur within 48 hours of official notification. The student will still be required to pay the standard cancellation fees. If a student is permanently removed from a specific community, typically the student is restricted from accessing all Housing facilities, even for visitation. The conditions of cancellation take effect upon the date communicated to students in the notice of decision and will be in effect for a period of typically one year, unless otherwise noted. Students whose housing contracts are cancelled as a sanction will no longer be permitted to live in or visit the residence halls until the conclusion of the sanction deadline.
9. Restitution:
 - The student is required to make payment to the University or to other persons, groups, or organizations for damages for which they are responsible. This is true whether the action was intentional or an accident. If it was intentional, other sanctions may also apply. Damage caused in public areas in which there is not a known perpetrator may be charged to all residents in a wing, floor or entire hall, depending on the reasonableness of the charge based on the circumstances. Fees associated with fire violations, including those

associated with sprinkler discharge, elevator tampering and furniture misuse and/or loss may be applied to a student's account. Detailed fee information may be found on the [Room & Dining Charges webpage](#).

Emergency Interim Measures

1. The Associate Director of Housing or their designee and the Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards or their designee may take emergency interim measures when necessary to secure the health or safety of other persons or the student with whom an action is taken. Emergency Interim Measures may also be taken if an alleged offense occurs during the last two weeks of a term, and it causes a serious disruption or there is potential for serious disruption to the educational environment.
2. Housing Emergency Interim Measures include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Issuing no-contact directives between involved parties;
 - b. Immediate removal from the assigned residence hall and/or the housing system; and/or
 - c. Restriction of the involved student's presence on specific Housing property and/or at Housing events.
3. At the time the emergency interim measure(s) takes place, the Associate Director of Housing or their designee or the Director of Student Conduct or their designee shall:
 - a. Inform the student involved of the reason for the emergency interim measures;
 - b. Inform the student involved that a preliminary fact-finding meeting will take place and that the student involved will be informed of the meeting date, time, and location.
4. The preliminary fact-finding meeting shall take place within two business days of the emergency interim measures. At this preliminary meeting, the involved student:
 - a. Shall have full opportunity to demonstrate to the Associate Director of Housing or their designee or the Director of Student Conduct or their designee that none of the conditions specified in Section 1 of Emergency Interim Measures above apply;
 - b. May be accompanied by an advisor, but must speak for themselves at all times. Anyone who is disruptive to the fact-finding meeting will be asked to leave and, if necessary, the meeting may be postponed or rescheduled;

- c. Depending on the outcome of the fact-finding meeting, the student involved may be subject to disciplinary or other University processes.
 - d. Students may request to reschedule the preliminary meeting if they are unable to meet within the first 48 hours. Reschedule requests must be submitted in writing to the hearing officer assigned.
5. Based on the evaluation of the information presented at the fact-finding meeting, the Associate Director of Housing or their designee or the Director of Student Conduct or their designee shall notify the student who received interim measures within 24 hours of the decision to:
- a. Dissolve the emergency interim measures and take no further action;
 - b. Dissolve the emergency interim measures but proceed with a full conduct hearing regarding the involved student's behavior as prescribed in the Student Code of Conduct and/or Housing Student Policy Guide;
 - c. Modify emergency interim measures and take no further action;
 - d. Modify emergency interim measures but proceed with a full conduct hearing;
 - e. Sustain the emergency interim measures until such time as a complete conduct hearing regarding the involved student's conduct may be held and a final decision is rendered.

Any questions regarding these procedures should be directed to Housing Professional Staff or housing@osucascades.edu.

Residential Facility Policies

Damage

1. Within 72 hours receiving a Room Condition Report residents are required to update and accept their Room Condition Report. In addition to reflecting the condition of their room, students are encouraged to upload a photograph if they would like to visually document any damages noted. Any damages not declared on the Room Condition Report and not the result of normal wear and tear will be the responsibility of the Resident and will result in a charge upon move-out. Students that have any additional maintenance needs throughout the year can submit a

maintenance request.

2. Residents may be charged for cleaning of the room and for any change in the general condition of University property that is not the result of normal wear and tear. All repairs to residential facilities must be performed by University personnel and not by the resident; students should not attempt to make any repairs themselves. The costs of repairs for damaged items include materials and labor. Common damage charge amounts are detailed on the [Residential Education and Housing Room & Dining Rates](#) webpage.
3. Residents who lose or damage residential property, even accidentally, will be billed for it. This includes any portion of the facility itself and does not preclude prosecution or disciplinary action for vandalism, destruction, and/or theft of state property.
4. Residents should report any damage to Housing staff immediately by communicating with building staff or submitting a maintenance request directly.
5. Damages in common areas (such as lounges, hallways, bathrooms, stairwells and elevators) are charged to the individuals found to be responsible.
6. Unaccounted for damages may be charged to the hall program account or divided and charged proportionately to each individual in that living unit, depending on the circumstances and the extent of the damage.
7. If residents witness others damaging the facilities, they should ask them to stop if they reasonably believe that it is safe to do so and then advise a staff person or contact Campus Safety immediately.

Decorating Your Room

1. Creating a home while living in University residences makes the room or apartment more pleasant and comfortable. Extras such as small pieces of furniture, plants, lamps, rugs, bedspreads, and posters help personalize your space and are permitted, subject to the conditions below.
2. When planning to decorate, it is important to keep in mind that no permanent changes may be made to the spaces, and any damage done by decorating the room or by removing décor at the end of the year will result in a charge to the resident.

3. Painting by residents is not permitted. Room painting in residence halls is done by the University painting professionals on a rotating basis. If the painted walls in a resident room are in need of repair, residents should report the situation via the [Facilities Services Work Order Request form](#).
4. Decorations such as posters and pictures from home may be mounted using methods that don't significantly damage walls, such as finishing nails, thumbtacks, sticky tack, or painter's tape. Additionally, strong adhesive, including but not limited to duct tape and packaging tape, may not be used on painted, glass or metal surfaces. Residents should consult with Housing staff prior to purchasing tapes or adhesives. Any residue from tape needs to be removed by the resident or they will be billed and may face conduct proceedings.
5. Use of cinderblocks in residence halls is not permitted.
6. Use of stickers or glow stickers on ceilings and walls is not permitted.
7. Residents will be assessed cleaning and repair charges for removal of items left in their room at checkout and for damaged room items, including but not limited to prohibited/non-Housing provided loft kits.

Cleanliness

If Housing staff become aware of unhealthy living conditions, including, but not limited to rotting food, unclean bathroom facilities or excessive odors, Housing staff may require resident(s) to clean their contracted space or charge resident(s) for a cleaning service.

Staff may become aware of cleanliness issues in a room during health and safety checks at the end of each term, from complaints from other residents or personal knowledge if perceived when in common areas.

- Housing encourages suite residents to coordinate a scheduled, routine and shared cleaning of the bathroom facilities.
- All staff may require residents to periodically clean the bathroom or be charged for a cleaning service and face conduct action if the condition of the bathroom poses a health and safety risk or property damage if not resolved.

- Hall staff may check kitchen lockers during health and safety checks or if they become aware of a cleanliness issue or policy violation.

Placing garbage or recyclables in unapproved locations is prohibited. See *Recycling and Trash* Section under General Information in this document for guidelines.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a planned program to prevent pests and disease vectors from causing unacceptable damage or injury to people, operations, property, or environment. It is an environmentally sensitive approach to managing pest problems that takes advantage of all suitable pest management options, with the emphasis on the prevention of pest infestations rather than reacting with chemical pesticides. This program requires participation, cooperation, and communication from everyone associated with Housing facilities, especially students – hence the term “integrated.” To prevent pest infestations, we should all do everything possible to eliminate habitats conducive to pest growth and survival. There are three things pests need to thrive: food, water, and shelter.

Keeping buildings free of food debris, spilled water, scrap paper and cardboard is essential to a successful IPM program. University staff will dispose of improperly stored food items found in public spaces including but not limited to counters and cupboards in common area lounges, kitchens, and common area refrigerators and freezers.

Residents can take small measures to support a pest-free environment. Residents should keep all consumable food in plastic storage containers and wipe up water spills. Residents should keep all community spaces free of food waste and scraps. Immediately remove cardboard products from the building and place in designated outdoor recycle containers.

Room Displays

Residents are free to display posters and other items in their room, provided they follow the Decoration policy described above with regard to the method of affixing the posters to the doors, walls, or ceiling.

Residents should check with Residential Education/Housing staff if they have questions about what posters may or may not be appropriate. Some room displays in public view may constitute a violation of University policies, including but not limited to those regarding racial or sexual harassment. Please remember that while residents are free to express themselves, they are asked to exercise that freedom responsibly and respectfully. Further context on inclusive environments can be found on the [Housing What to Bring & Leave Behind Guide](#).

Room Entry and Room Search

Room entry and search may be necessary, and the University may exercise its contractual right to do so under certain circumstances. The University recognizes and respects students' desire for privacy, especially within the context of a group living environment. In its efforts to protect privacy, Housing has defined and restricted the conditions under which authorized University personnel may enter or search a student room.

The following procedures have been developed as a guide for University and Housing staff to enable them to perform their duties and to maintain certain standards, while giving due recognition to the rights of privacy. Housing reserves the right to enter rooms for reasons including, but not limited to:

- Provision of maintenance and housekeeping services.
- Preparation of space for a new resident or inspection of room conditions upon vacancy of a resident
- Inspection of room during health and safety checks at term breaks or during break periods
- For sanitation, security, risk, or safety reasons.
- Elimination of nuisances (including but not limited to, sustained noise from music or an alarm clock).
- When reasonable cause exists to indicate a violation of established conduct or health and safety standards.

The following University and University-affiliated personnel are authorized to enter residents' rooms under the procedure described below:

1. Residential Education professional staff or Campus Safety personnel, and full-time professional staff members of Housing, including our Operations and Facilities personnel;
2. Resident Assistants, Service Center staff, and other residence staff;
3. Employees of the University's Department of Occupational Safety and Environmental Health;
4. University and non-University personnel contracted to perform maintenance and repair or provide other services on behalf of Housing;
5. Other members of the University staff and/or civil authorities may enter student rooms under the conditions described below only when accompanied by a member of the professional or residential staff. In an emergency situation, fire/emergency personnel may enter a room unaccompanied.

Health and Safety Inspections

Housing performs health and safety inspections at the end of each term, during other breaks such as Thanksgiving, and in some halls at the beginning of break periods. During health and safety inspections any of the following actions may take place:

- Prohibited items (such as drug paraphernalia, alcohol, and other items impacting the health and safety of the room) may be confiscated and reports may be made to Campus Safety;
- Trash/recycling may be removed (with labor costs charged to the student);
- Room/bathroom cleaning may be completed with appropriate charges to the students assigned to the room/suite

Policy violations that are noted during inspections may result in referral for Housing and/or University conduct action. Additionally, any hall that has combination lock cubbies/lockers in common area kitchens may have such spaces checked during health and safety checks or if hall staff becomes aware of a cleanliness issue or policy violation. Residents may make requests to hall staff to be present at the time of their room being checked during health and safety inspections.

Room Entry Procedure

1. Except in an emergency, no room shall be entered without knocking and staff identifying themselves. Entry following the knock shall be preceded by a time lapse of sufficient duration to provide occupants with ample opportunity to open the door.
2. When it is necessary for authorized University personnel to enter a room, there shall be, whenever possible, two authorized staff members present. If it is necessary, under the conditions outlined, for authorized University personnel to enter a room when an occupant(s) is not present, the resident(s) will be notified of the entry and the reason for the entry upon returning to the room via a note placed in the room, an email to the student's OSU email, or another electronic notice. This provision does not apply to housekeeping and maintenance personnel performing routine or requested duties, or to staff conducting health and safety checks that were previously announced to the hall community.
3. Housing staff members may remove an item of personal property from a resident room without prior consultation with the owner when it is the judgment of the staff member that the item represents an imminent hazard to persons or property or is otherwise prohibited. Housing staff are also authorized to remove from a resident room clearly identifiable University or Housing property not provided as part of the room furnishings.
 - If an item is removed under the above conditions, the resident will be notified promptly of the removal via a notice left in the room or a notice sent electronically regarding the removed item.
 - If the removed item may be legally possessed by the resident, but it is in violation of this Policy Guide or Oregon State University standards, it may be claimed by the resident but not retained in the building.
 - If illegal or prohibited goods are found and confiscated during the authorized room inspection, the resident may be subject to criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary action. Housing will not return illegal items confiscated and will coordinate with Campus Safety for disposal of such items.
4. Entry of student rooms will be done only as necessary. Attempts to notify the occupant(s) in advance will always be made unless there is a critical situation which precludes notification.

5. Entry of student rooms by Housing personnel shall only be permitted, except in the case of an emergency, with prior consultation with the Associate Director of Housing or designee. In these instances, room entry will be conducted by no less than two authorized Housing staff members.
6. Housing is opposed to general room searches; that is, the search of a number of rooms in a given area in the absence of cause to search a specific room. General room searches, except in the case of emergency, will be permitted only after authorization by the Associate Director of Housing or their designee.
7. State and federal law governs the entry into a resident's room by law enforcement officers. Situations which may permit such entry include, but are not limited to, officers in possession of a valid search/arrest warrant, health/safety emergency, or certain circumstances where search warrants are not required by law. Entry under such circumstances may be facilitated by Housing staff.

General Information

Beaver Dam and Study Grounds Policies

Questions relating to University Dining policies including attire, ID card use, promotional activities and social events should be directed to housing@osucascades.edu or by calling the Housing Office at 541-322-3177. Services and Facilities Residential floors are intended for use solely by resident students and their guests. The first-floor lobby and lounge area is intended for use by OSU-Cascades accepted and enrolled students. Security Cameras to enhance safety and security efforts, security video cameras may be placed in hall lobbies or other public areas. These cameras are not continuously monitored. See the [Safety and Security on Campus webpage](#) for more information.

Keys

Temporary keycards and physical keys are available for check-out from the Residence Hall Front Desk. If a key has not been returned by the resident by the appropriate time, a lock change may be required. Three or more requests in a term for temporary room keys may be referred to a Residential Education

professional staff member to ensure that keys are not missing and that abuse of staff resources do not occur.

Custodial Services

The residence halls have a staff of custodians assigned to do general cleaning in public and common areas, common bathrooms, lounges, kitchenettes, and hallways. The custodial staff members are people you will come to know, respect, and appreciate. Suite style rooms/bathrooms are cleaned by the residents assigned to the room. Custodians work cooperatively with the students to make each residence hall a clean, healthy, and safe place to live. Other specific tasks are done in order to maintain good housekeeping throughout the halls.

Custodians have a heavy workload, which includes performing specific tasks at specific frequencies, and are not expected to clean up excessive messes after parties, practical jokes, or any other unusual circumstance. Individual room cleaning is the responsibility of the occupants.

Maintenance Services

Although every effort is made to maintain the facilities in the best condition possible, fixtures and furnishings will occasionally need repair. The maintenance staff is available for repairs in the residence halls. Repairs that need to be made that are a result of normal wear and tear will not be billed to the student.

If you have a maintenance concern in your room, update your [Room Condition Report](#) within the first 72 hours of move-in. To put in a work order for your room or for a public area of the residence hall, visit the [Facilities Services Work Order Request form](#).

Some examples of common issues that you may enter a maintenance request for include but aren't limited to the following:

- Burned out lights
- Broken furniture

- Leaking pipes
- Pest issues
- Windows that won't close
- Missing blind slats
- Heaters that aren't working properly

A work request will be generated, and the maintenance staff will respond as quickly as possible. Maintenance and custodial staff are encouraged to report to hall staff violations of health and safety policy they encounter while performing their duties.

Crisis and Disaster Response

Please refer to [OSU's Emergency Management website](#) for information about crisis and disaster response. Housing strongly recommends that all students [register for the campus alert](#) system.

Missing Person Protocol

Any person who is aware of a student who is missing must report that information immediately; if in an emergency to 911, otherwise in a non-emergency they should contact the Campus Safety. You do not have to wait 24 hours to report you believe a student is missing. This will allow the University to initiate its missing student procedures and notify the missing student's confidential contact.

Each year, students, regardless of age, are required to provide a confidential missing student contact when they complete their housing application with Housing. This contact is strictly for missing persons purposes and can be the same as their general emergency contact, or students may also choose someone different. For more information about how to register a confidential contact or contacts, please contact Residential Education and Housing at 541-322-3177 or housing@osucascades.edu.

Laundry Facilities

Laundry facilities are not to be used for large or heavily soiled items, such as sleeping bags, car mats, animal blankets, and saddle blankets. The cost of laundry facilities is included in the room and board rate. Residents may utilize unlimited use of laundry facilities without the need for coins, tokens, or laundry cards. Please keep in mind energy conservation practices when doing laundry. Note that use of Housing washing facilities is for residents only. We have high efficiency washers in our facilities – a small amount (less than 1/4 cup) of liquid laundry detergent is recommended to get the maximum efficiency from the washers. Using more than the recommended amount of detergent will cause the laundry machine to shut down and require repair.

Recycling and Trash

Because OSU's mission includes the promotion of environmental progress for the people of Oregon, the nation, and the world, and because Oregon is an environmentally responsible state, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials whenever possible. To achieve this mission, residents are expected to act responsibly in the handling of waste. This includes supporting the care and maintenance of clean, pest-free, and aesthetically pleasing common areas including kitchens, recycling areas, recreation areas and exterior waste containment areas. It also includes the following guidelines regarding the proper disposal locations for different types of waste.

Guidelines for Waste Disposal

- Personal room garbage must be taken to designated area in the hall elevator lobby, corrugated cardboard flattened and placed in designated cardboard containers and allowable recyclables placed in designated carts and bins on each floor.
- Only acceptable recyclable discards shall be placed in designated recycling containers.
- Residents may not take recyclables from the recycle bins without permission, even to redeem for cash.
- Overflowing recycling or trash containers in recycle rooms, kitchens or other common areas should be reported to the hall staff whenever possible.

- Corrugated (heavy) cardboard shall be emptied of any plastic bags, Styrofoam, metals or other non-fiber material, flattened and placed only in designated cardboard locations
- All non-recyclable garbage shall be bagged and disposed of in the designated area in the residence hall. This includes plastic bags, Styrofoam, food, liquids and soiled pizza boxes. Trash shall not be placed in, on top of, or on the ground in front of any cardboard recycling container. Overflowing trash containers should be reported to the residence hall staff whenever possible.
- Whenever possible, share information about the responsible handling of waste with other residents.
- If there is any confusion or question about waste and recycling handling procedures, contact residence hall staff.

Abandoned Property

Any personal items (including lost and found and items left in common areas) left abandoned after a student moves out may be disposed of after five business days or by the close of each term. Items that are confiscated because they are in violation of Housing policies will be kept until the end of the term, unless otherwise noted. Any costs associated with disposal will be charged to the student's account.

Television Cable Service

Residents can live-stream popular networks and cable channels with [Xfinity on Campus™](#).

Vending Services

Vending machines are located in each residence hall. If money is lost in a vending machine or there are mechanical problems, call the service number listed on the vending machine. The University has no responsibility for these vending machines, and all residents agree to hold the University harmless from any liability in connection with the use thereof.

Housing During Vacation/Break Periods

All halls are open during the Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring vacation breaks. There is no extra charge to stay, as it is included in the room rate. However, students are required to sign up for break periods so that Residential Education staff is aware of who is in the building during a lower occupancy period.

Students must be signed up to live in Housing for the term/period immediately following the break in order to be eligible for break housing.

Check-In Procedures and Room Condition Acceptance

The process for how to check in to your room during fall opening will be communicated to incoming students via their ONID email accounts. You will need your OSU-Cascades ID card or other identification to check-in. Upon check-in, you will be able to note the condition of your room within the first 72 hours of moving into. When you check out, you may be responsible for any damages beyond normal wear and tear not noted by you at check-in.

Check-Out Procedures

The contract cancellation process can be started using the Cancellation Request form after logging into the [Housing Portal](#), or at the end of the contract period.

1. Before your Check-Out:

- a. Remove all personal belongings from your room. Be sure to open all drawers to make sure you have everything.
- b. Completely clean the room. Cleanliness is the absence of dirt, including dust, stains, bad smells, and garbage. Cleanliness upon checkout includes but is not limited to:
 - All room surfaces wiped down (i.e., windowsill, desktop, and walls).
 - Floor is swept, mopped, and vacuumed.
 - Closet/wardrobe/dresser is emptied and wiped down.

- Room door, ceiling, and walls are free of tacks, tape, adhesive strips, posters, stickers, moon/stars/comets.
 - Mattress is wiped down and bed is assembled correctly.
 - Room window has screen in place and is free of stickers, smudges, dirt, and cobwebs.
 - All room furniture is clean and in condition noted upon check in. Any discrepancies could result in a damage fee being assessed.
 - Trash and recycling bins have been emptied and are clean inside.
 - Garbage disposal cleaned with soap and water (if applicable).
 - Stove range wiped down (if applicable).
 - Toilet, shower and sink surfaces all wiped down (if applicable).
- c. You are responsible for ensuring all original furniture is in the room.
2. **During your Check-Out Time:** Go through the Room Condition Checklist completely and complete an express check-out form. The room will be inspected for damages at a later time, and your student account will be charged for any damages found. Please be sure to check your ONID email and your OSU student account frequently.

Housing Fees, Charges and Assessments

Please see the [Room & Dining Rates webpage](#) for a list of Housing Fees, Rates, and Common Charges.

Fees are subject to change. For questions relating to these fees and to learn of changes, or in the case that the link does not work, please contact your service center or the main Housing office, or email housing@osucascades.edu.

Links to Campus Resources and Additional Policies

- [Center for Advocacy, Prevention & Education \(CAPE\)](#)
- [Consensual Relationships Policy](#)
- [Equal Opportunity and Access](#)
- [Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards](#)
- [ResNet Use Policies](#)
- [Safety and Security](#)

Agreement Verification

As a member of the Residence Hall community, I agree to comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the [Code of Student Conduct](#), Residential Education and Housing Student Policy and Information Guide, Residential Education and Housing Room and Dining Contract, Fire Safety Regulations, my area council constitution, university standards and policies, and applicable city, state and federal laws. I agree to respect the individual rights of my fellow residents by creating and upholding an atmosphere that is conducive to the successful pursuit of an academic degree.

I understand that any alleged infraction of these rules and regulations will be handled in accordance with the policies and procedures set forth in the Housing Student Policy and Information Guide or the [Code of Student Conduct](#).