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# Community Living at Saint Louis University

On-campus living at Saint Louis University provides an integral part of a student's educational experience, offering opportunities and services beneficial to their overall development. We expect students to be responsible and involved citizens in the residential community and thus active co-constructors who participate in making and carrying out decisions affecting their community. Residents will come together to create community standards that each student will be held accountable for as a participant in the residential experience. Residents will also work with their roommates, suitemates, or apartment mates to create an agreement on how their personal living area should be managed throughout the year. Students are vital in the process of creating their residential environment

As a residential student, you enjoy and receive considerable freedom, and with that freedom comes many responsibilities. You are responsible for your room/living unit. Regardless of your presence, you are responsible for all activities that occur there if you have knowledge of others' activities or fail to take proper actions to stop any activity. You are also responsible for your actions, the physical environment of the building, and the community as a whole. If you are aware of, or in the presence of, a violation of University policy, and remain in the presence of, or fail to take reasonable actions to stop the violation, you are giving your implied consent to this violation, and could be held responsible.

A benefit of attending a Jesuit University is our strong commitment to values. We value your right to privacy, freedom of choice, and the responsibility that comes with those freedoms. Your room/living unit is a private space and we try to respect your privacy as best we can. You have the freedom of choice, and that, as individuals, you will make decisions that will affect your life. Hopefully, these decisions will be a result of a close examination of available information, and your own careful thought. It is in this context that you will make decisions about how you will act, represent yourself and comply with the expectations of other residents, the University and the law. It is important that you examine and consider the predictable outcomes or results of your actions. Our expectation, then, is that you will comply with these policies, as well as any local, state or federal laws.

This Housing and Residence Life Handbook is designed to provide you with information about services, policies, procedures and opportunities that will enable you to fully participate in on-campus living. As a residential student it is your responsibility to review this handbook as well as the Community Standards. If you have any questions, please talk to a Housing and Residence Life (HRL) staff member or contact the Department of Housing and Residence Life at (314) 977-2811 or via email at [reslife@slu.edu](mailto:reslife@slu.edu).

## Residence Hall & Apartment Contract Information

The following information is from the Saint Louis University Housing Contract. Read and preserve your copy of the housing agreement as you have assumed full responsibility for complying with its contents. By signing the Housing Contract each resident demonstrates that he or she understands and agrees to the conditions of the contract. This contract is for the academic year. It is also expected that each resident has read and understands all policies in the HRL Handbook.

### **Administrative Reassignment**

The University reserves the right to reassign an individual or a group of individuals at any time. This policy



# Residence Hall & Apartment Services

## **Communication with Students**

Students will receive important information from the Housing and Residence Life Department via their SLU e-mail account. Students should monitor this account regularly as information will not necessarily be sent in other ways. Students may have their email accounts from other addresses/platforms forwarded to their SLU e-mail account. Assistance with this can be obtained by calling ITS Help Desk at 977-4000.

SLU ID cards are the property of Saint Louis University and may be requested back at the end of the residential contract period. Each student is responsible for the care and maintenance of their SLU ID card. Students must have their ID card in order to access their University meal plan.

Students who are locked out of their room for a forgotten key may retrieve a spare key at their designated front desk. The spare key may be kept for 15 minutes while the permanent key is collected. If the spare





#### 4.2.7 In the Presence of Alcohol

4.2.16 Restroom Civility - At no time should individuals be in a restroom facility designated for a gender other than their own gender identity.

4.2.17 Sales/Solicitation - Sales or solicitation (including, but not limited to, running a business out of your room, magazine sales, pizza sales, etc.) is not permitted in the residence halls/apartment living units. All materials to be distributed to the residence halls/students must be approved by SGA advertisement guidelines and be sent through the Housing and Residence Life Office.

4.2.18 Screens/Doors - Students may not remove, alter, or tamper with window screens, door closures, locks, etc. Additional locks may not be added to the room or bathrooms doors. Screens must remain on windows at all times.

4.2.19 Unregistered Guests - Hosts are expected to meet and register their guests at the building entrance or desk and escort them at all times while in the building. At no time should any resident provide entrance to the building to anyone who is not their 4

# Facility Policies & Guidelines

## Appliances

Most typical appliances are allowed, provided they are used in a safe and proper manner, (See Restricted Items from University Housing). Students are permitted to use UL power strips. Multiple extension and/or inappropriate power extension cords are not permitted. The University is not responsible for damage to appliances or items inside the appliance due to power outages, power surges, and the like.

- a. Refrigerators in the residence halls must not exceed 3.2 cubic feet or draw more than 1.5 amps, and there may not be more than one refrigerator per room.
- b. Microwaves in residence halls must not draw more than 5.8 amps, or exceed 700 watts, and must be plugged into an UL power strip with built-in circuit breaker, or a “dedicated outlet,” in rooms with such. There may not be more than one microwave per room.

## Balconies and Porches

As a safety precaution, no more than four people may be on a balcony at any given time. Balconies should remain free of debris, laundry and grills (not permitted on campus). Bicycles may also be placed in this area in a quantity consistent with the number of occupants in the unit. Hammocks are not permitted to be hung from balconies/porches/patios.

Students may place their personal furniture on the balcony/patio/porch. University furniture should not be placed on balconies, patios, or porches in order to keep it from being exposed to the elements and in good functional condition. If the residents of an apartment are found with university furniture on their balcony, porch, or patio, they will receive a warning to place it back inside within 24 hours..

Motorcycles, mopeds and other similar motorized vehicles are not permitted on balconies/porches/patios.

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actual, non-depreciated replacement cost for room furniture that is not present in the room or is present but damaged at any time of the year. Personal furniture, with the exception of waterbeds, is permitted, as long as it adequately fits in the room. Please refer to the section on lofts regarding their guidelines and restrictions. Roll guards for upper bunks of beds are available by contacting the Residence Hall Coordinator. Swimming pools a5.9 (i)2.6 7e6 (ng)-2.6 (abl)2.m2 (pool)t esd-2 (t)(ng)-11.2 ( )15 (i)2.17.5 (60.5 (

**Painting/ Repairing**

Painting or repairing student rooms by residents is not allowed. Students who have painted or repaired their walls will be charged to return them to their original condition.

**Restitution for Community Damages**

In the event of damages occurring in community spaces or residence hall rooms/apartments, student responsible may be asked to provide restitution in order to repair property damaged. It is the goal of Housing and Residence Life to maintain the highest quality facilities possible and thus rely on all community members to share in accountability for quality of the community spaces.

Monetary restitution will be determined on a case by case basis in order to repair damage. Labor as restitution in the event of creating excessive messes will also be considered on a case by case basis.

**Roofs**

For safety reasons, all roofs, overhangs and locked porches are off-limits to students.

**Windows and Screens**

Windows fitted for screens are required to have the screen(s) secured in place and in proper positions at

If a building needs to be evacuated (fire alarm, facility related concern) below are the designated assembly sites:

Griesedieck Complex — Simon Recreation Center

Grand Forest, Marchetti Towers East and West — Busch Student Center

Reinert Hall — Busch Student Center

Spring Hall – Georgetown Parking Lot (Simon Rec Center during inclement weather)

All housing units west of the clock tower — Xavier Hall

Robert May Hall — Wool Center

### **Earthquakes**

- ® Brace yourself firmly in a doorway or move against an interior wall, kneel or sit with legs drawn into chest and cover your head with your arms.
- ® When shaking stops exit the building using stairs. Do not use elevators.
- ® Check on fellow students. Provide assistance to those needing help.
- ® Once outside, move away from the building into an open area, away from buildings and electrical wires.
- ® Aftershocks may occur. Remain in your assembly area until told to do otherwise by the proper authorities.
- ® Go to designated re-

**Mental Health**

- Ⓡ If you are facing a life-threatening emergency, immediately contact the Department of Public Safety at (314) 977-3000.
- Ⓡ Consult with an on-call University Counseling Center staff member at (314) 977-TALK
- Ⓡ Contact your Resident Advisor or Residence Hall Coordinator.
- Ⓡ Speak with a Campus Minister.

**Medical Emergency**

- Ⓡ If facing a life threatening emergency, immediately contact the Department of Public Safety at (314) 977-3000
- Ⓡ Student Health can be reached at (314) 977- 2323 for a health concern that is not considered an emergency.
- Ⓡ Be familiar with the location of automated external defibrillators.

**Missing Students**

- Ⓡ If a member of the University community has reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus residential housing is missing, they should immediately notify the Department of Public Safety at (314) 977-3000.
- Ⓡ Contact your Resident Advisor or Residence Hall Coordinator.

**Sexual Misconduct**

- Ⓡ If facing a life threatening emergency, immediately contact the Department of Public Safety at (314) 977-3000
- Ⓡ To speak confidentially, contact University Counseling Center staff member at (314) 977-TALK
- Ⓡ To speak with a confidential off-campus, contact SAFE CONNECTIONS at (314) 531-2003
- Ⓡ Contact your Resident Advisor or Residence Hall Coordinator
- Ⓡ Speak with a Campus Minister.
- Ⓡ To access the full policy, reporting, and resources go to [www.slu.edu/here4you](http://www.slu.edu/here4you)

**Hate-Bias Related**

- Ⓡ If you are involved or witness a hate-bias related incident you should contact Department of Public Safety at (314) 977-3000,
- Ⓡ Contact Resident Advisor or Residence Hall Coordinator.
- Ⓡ For more information and resources, go to <http://www.slu.edu/general-counsel-home/office-of-institutional-equity-and-diversity/hate-crimes-and-bias-related-incident-protocol>

**Sharps Containers**

- Ⓡ Please contact Student Health at (314) 977-2323 for information regarding obtaining a sharps container and disposal of sharps container.

**Power Outage**

- Ⓡ If it lasts more than a few minutes, go to the first floor.
- Ⓡ Listen for announcements from Department of Public Safety and follow their instructions.
- Ⓡ Help ensure that everyone is aware of the instructions.

**Flood Information**

- Ⓡ If you discover a water leak/ flood, immediately call the Department of Public Safety at (314) 977-3000.
- Ⓡ If able, shut off the source of the water.
- Ⓡ Notify a Resident Advisor, Desk Worker or Residence Hall Coordinator.

**Tornado/ Severe Weather**



- ® Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, or the lowest level of the building. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room such as a closet, bathroom or interior hallway, away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls.
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