

# Community Living Standards

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The *Community Living Standards* for the 2024-25 Academic Year are a set of policies all residents agree to abide by and ensure their guests comply with to help create a safe and secure community. Violations of the *Community Living Standards* are considered violations of the *Student Code of Conduct* (<https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/student-freedoms-rights-and-responsibilities/student-code-of-conduct/>), and may be addressed through the student conduct process. Students found responsible for a violation of the *Community Living Standards* may be assigned appropriate disciplinary sanctions, up to and including housing agreement cancellation and a restriction from being present on any University of Alaska residential campus. Violations of the *Community Living Standards* may also result in appropriate charges being placed on a student's account. Examples of possible charges include, but are not limited to, damages, cleaning, removal of trash/property, etc. In the event the individual(s) responsible for a violation cannot be identified, charges may be assessed to all residents in the impacted area.

Residents are responsible for ensuring compliance with the standards in their assigned bedroom, suite/apartment, as well as any other space on the residential campus in which they are present. In the event a resident witnesses or has knowledge of a policy violation, and/or conditions that negatively impact the comfort or safety of members of the community, they should either remove themselves from the situation or [contact \(/residence-life/contact.cshtml\)](#) a



Residence Life staff member for assistance. Residents also have the option to submit an [Information Report](#)

(<https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?>

<https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?> on the [Dean of Students website](#)

Students are expected to be knowledgeable of all university policies

including, but not limited to, the [Student](#)

[https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/student-](https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/student-freedoms-rights-and-responsibilities/student-code-of-conduct/)

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[UAA Student Handbook \(https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/\)](https://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/handbook/),

the [Community Living Standards](#), and the [Housing and Dining](#)

[Agreement \(/residence-life/apply/housing-agreement.cshtml\)](/residence-life/apply/housing-agreement.cshtml). The

development of a successful community requires that students

follow community standards and policies and approach interactions

with honesty and respect.

## Confidentiality and Policy Enforcement

Residence Life staff members are obligated to address and report violations of policy according to established procedures. At its discretion, and with consistency as a top priority, Residence Life investigates reports and evidence of policy violations. Investigations may include interviewing involved individuals, performing inspections, partnering with the University Police Department, reviewing residents' card swipe history, reviewing security camera footage, etc. In most instances, inspections performed by Residence Life staff members are limited to visual inspections (i.e., what can be plainly seen inside a suite or apartment without opening drawers, cabinets, bags, boxes, etc.), unless the situation necessitates a more thorough approach. In the event residents are informed that they must remove an item from campus or come into compliance with a policy, Residence Life staff will return within the designated time frame to recheck the space, generally 24 hours later.

To the greatest extent possible, while still taking seriously our obligation to enforce policy, the privacy of our residents is respected. Residence Life staff members are trained and certified in compliance with the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#) (<https://www.alaska.edu/studentservices/ferpa/>).



All Residence Life staff members are designated as Responsible Employees (<https://www.alaska.edu/about-uaa>)

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... of gender including harassment, stalking, ... domestic violence and sexual misconduct. To the extent permitted by law, Residence Life protects the identity and privacy of individuals involved in these types of incidents. The extent to which anonymity can be honored partially depends on the measures and resources in which the resident is interested (for example, Residence Life needs to know the name of a resident who wishes to change their room assignment). At a minimum, details of incidents, including the names of individuals involved, are required by law to be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.

Residence Life staff members are also designated as Campus Security Authorities (CSA) by the federal law known as the Clery Act. This designation requires Residence Life staff members to report information regarding certain crimes to the University Police Department (UPD) in order for UPD to determine if a timely warning should be sent to the community. More information regarding Campus Security Authorities (</students/dean-of-students/clery-act/campus-security-authority.cshtml>) can be found on the Dean of Students website.

## Mid-Semester Health and Safety Inspection

Each fall and spring semester, Residence Life staff members may enter every occupied and unoccupied suite and apartment to perform an inspection of the spaces. The inspections will occur approximately at the midterm, and residents will be given reasonable notice prior to the inspection.

The purpose of these inspections is first and foremost to protect the safety of the residential community by enforcing compliance with these Standards. However, while the inspections are being performed, staff members are obligated to report any evidence of

other policy violations they come across. Residents are encouraged to understand these Standards and prepare for inspections appropriately.



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## Requests for Exception

Under generally normal conditions. The Department of Residence Life acknowledges that there are times when it is appropriate for reasonable exceptions to the *Community Living Standards* to be made. Residents may request an exception to these policies by contacting the Residence Coordinator for their area. Residents should allow at least two business days for the Residence Coordinator to respond to requests for exceptions.

# Residential Communities Policies

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## Excessive Noise/Quiet Hours

Creating excessive noise which is reasonably disruptive to other students either inside or outside of residential buildings is prohibited. Noise may be deemed disruptive if it can be heard through a closed door and/or two doors down. These standards are in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students are expected to respond courteously to requests to reduce noise and respectfully approach others with requests for noise reduction.

Quiet hours, during which noise from outside a resident's suite, apartment or bedroom should not reasonably be heard, are from:



- 10:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday
- 12:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday
- 24-hour quiet hours go into effect during final exam periods

Use of amplified instruments or equipment on the residential

speakers in windows and common areas of the residential community without the express permission of Residence Life is prohibited.

## Felonies and Misdemeanor Sex Crimes Disclosure

In accordance with Regents' Policy 09.08.020 (<https://www.alaska.edu/bor/policy-regulations/chapter-09-08-residence-life-student-housing.php#P09.08.020>), residents are required to disclose to the Department of Residence Life information pertaining to the following items, if they exist in the resident's criminal/behavioral history:

- Conviction of a felony for any reason
- Pending charges for any felony crime
- Conviction of a misdemeanor sex crime as identified in Alaska State Statute 12.63.100 (<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#12.63.100>)
- Pending charges for a misdemeanor sex crime as identified in Alaska State Statute 12.63.100 (<https://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#12.63.100>)

In the event a student is unsure whether or not charges or convictions are reportable under this policy, they must contact the Department of Residence Life for clarification.

Disclosures can be made by providing the appropriate response to questions on the housing application pertaining to criminal history. In the event a resident is charged with a felony or a misdemeanor sex crime after submitting the housing application, this information must be disclosed to the Director



of Residence Life. Failure to disclose this information on the housing application or to the Director of Residence Life will likely result in an immediate restriction being placed upon the resident prohibiting their presence on the residential campus until the conclusion of the student conduct process, and the

Decisions regarding a student's eligibility to live on campus based on criminal history are determined on a case-by-case basis. The individual circumstances of each case are taken into consideration. Students who disclose their criminal history will have the opportunity to provide supporting evidence and documentation pertaining to their request to live on campus. Requests are thoroughly reviewed and responded to by the Director of Residence Life.

## Guest Policy

For the purposes of this policy, a *guest* is defined as any person present on the residential campus under any of the following conditions:

- The individual was invited by the resident.
- The individual is attending an event hosted by the resident.
- The individual is attempting to contact or visit the resident.
- The individual is delivering or attempting to deliver something to the resident.
- The individual is picking up or attempting to pick up the resident.

Residents may host guests according to the following policies:

- Residents are responsible for accompanying their guests at all times, and for ensuring that their guests follow all university policies and procedures. Residents may be held responsible for the actions of their guests to the same degree as if they violated the policy themselves.
- Residence Life staff members may ask any guest to leave UAA's residential community.
- Each resident may have no more than 3 guests at one time.



- All residents are required to register any guests attempting to enter an area on the residential campus behind a secured door by submitting the [Residence Life Guest Registration](https://roompack.com/forms/#/form/bOJVp6) (<https://roompack.com/forms/#/form/bOJVp6>) form located in Roompack. If asked to do so by a university official,

do not provide a copy of the registration confirmation for any guest they are hosting with accurate date and time information. Residential students visiting other areas of campus are not required to complete the guest registration form.

- Residents are responsible for checking out their guests by updating the guest's registration form in Roompack with the accurate date and time of the guest's departure. Failure to properly check out a guest will result in the guest's visit being counted as an overnight stay.
- When requested by a university official, all guests must present a valid form of government-issued identification that includes a photo, their date of birth and card identification number. This information is required to be submitted on the [Residence Life Guest Registration](https://roompack.com/forms/#/form/bOJVp6) (<https://roompack.com/forms/#/form/bOJVp6>), and will be verified by the desk attendant if the guest is checked in when the front desk is staffed.
- The rights of residents supersede the rights of the guest/the right of a resident to host guests. Overnight guests are permitted only if all residents of the apartment/suite have been informed and have given their consent. Residents should document in their Roommate Agreement any expectations and limitations related to guests in their suite/apartment. Guest expectations and limitations from roommates should be reasonable and mutually agreed upon.
- An individual is defined as an *overnight guest* if they are present in a building as a guest any time between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
  - A guest may not accumulate more than three consecutive overnight stays.
  - Regardless of the number of residents who host them, a guest may not accumulate more than eight overnight



stays in a 30-day period.

- Students found responsible for violating the guest policy may be restricted from hosting guests. Residence Life reserves the right to notify the roommate(s) of any resident who is restricted from hosting guests or guests who have violated any policy or procedure.

Students who violate any policy or procedure will not be permitted from being present on the residential campus.

*Minor Guest Visitation Policy: Guests 16 & 17 Years of Age*

- Any individual 16 or 17 years of age may visit and also stay overnight in a residence hall or apartment if their parent or guardian provides written permission to Residence Life a minimum of 2 business days in advance of the guest's arrival.
- Whenever possible, written permission from the parent or guardian must be given by submitting the following online form: [DRL Waiver: Adult Signing for Minor Guest on Residential Campus \(smartwaiver.com\)](https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ec5c46bef6fd/web/) (<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5ec5c46bef6fd/web/>).
- If the parent or guardian cannot access the online form, permission can be submitted via some other medium or given verbally to a Residence Life staff member. The information provided must include:
  - the parent or guardian's phone number
  - the full names of the minor, parent or guardian and host
  - specified dates of the proposed stay
  - the date of birth of the minor guest
- Permission can be granted for up to one semester though the limits on overnight guests still apply.
- A staff member from Residence Life will contact parents or guardians who submit permission forms to verify the information in the form. The minor guest is not permitted to visit campus until permission has been granted by the parent or guardian and verified by a Residence Life staff member.
- This provision does not apply to approved camps and programs using residential buildings for approved activities.





Please note: Current residents under the age of 18 are exempt from the parent/guardian permission requirement as a guest when visiting a residence hall or apartment other than their own.

### Minor Guest Visitation Policy: Guests 15 Years of Age &

Guests younger than 16 years of age are permitted under the following conditions:

- They must be accompanied by their parent or guardian
- The guest’s parent or guardian must accompany them during their entire visit.
- Visits are permitted only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- In the event the resident is the parent or guardian, the minor guest is permitted to be present on the residential campus between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. with no permission or notification to Residence Life required.

## Hostile Living Environment

The Department of Residence Life prohibits harassing behavior by residents or their guests so severe or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or hostile living or learning environment. Residence Life is deeply committed to protecting our residents’ right to free speech, but does not permit that speech to be expressed in a manner that is intimidating or creates a hostile environment.

## Joint Responsibility

Residents may be held responsible for the violation of policies by others in the following circumstances:

- The resident did not properly report a policy violation they witness
- The resident did not properly report a policy violation of which they have knowledge



- The resident was discovered in the presence of a policy violation

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- The resident is a passive participant in a policy violation

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Residents should report policy violations they witness or have

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resident learning of the violation. Residents found jointly responsible for a violation may receive up to the same disciplinary action that would be assigned to a student who violated the policy.

## Lasers

Residents are prohibited from possessing class 2 and 3 lasers on the residential campus. Laser pointers intended for use during presentations or other academic activities are permitted, but should never be pointed at another person or inside another resident's suite or apartment.

## Lounges and Other Common Areas

The lounges and common areas of buildings on the residential campus are meant to be enjoyed by all residents assigned to the living area in which these spaces are located.

- Unless the space has been appropriately reserved through the Department of Residence Life or Event Services, residents are prohibited from denying access to lounges and common areas to other residents and their guests.
- Residents are expected to be respectful of others when occupying lounges or common areas.
- Residents are responsible for ensuring lounge spaces and common areas are clean, well maintained and that supplies/furniture reset after each use.
- Residents are prohibited from sleeping in lounges or common areas.



# Roommate Conflicts

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Residents are expected to resolve conflicts amongst themselves to the best of their abilities. If residents are unable

to resolve a conflict on their own, the Resident Advisor should be contacted to facilitate a mediation. If the conflict persists after intervention by the Resident Advisor, the Residence Coordinator will determine next steps to resolve the conflict. The Residence Coordinator has the right to require residents to participate in a mediation process. Residents who refuse to participate in the mediation process may be involuntarily moved to another suite/apartment.

When conflicts are unable to be resolved amicably, all residents involved in the conflict may be required to relocate to new living spaces. Only those residents refusing to participate in a mediation process will be required to move.

Room changes due to roommate conflicts will generally not be approved unless the Roommate Agreement has been completed and mediation attempts with a Residence Life Staff member have been documented.

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