

Undergraduate Student Housing Policies

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University of California, Irvine (UC Irvine or the University) Student Housing strives to create student-centered communities that promote inclusivity, academic success and safety. Through our Residential Curriculum, Anteaters Living and Learning – ALL ([Anteaters Living and Learning](#)), as a result of living on campus, our goal is to empower students to become engaged community members who are socially, culturally and personally responsible.

By signing your Student Housing contract, you have agreed to the policies outlined below. In addition, all UC Irvine students are expected to know and follow the University Code of Student Conduct ([Campus Conduct](#)), the Principles of Community ([Housing's Principles of Community](#)), UCI Campus Policies, ([UCI Policies](#)) which allow each individual to have a rightful place in our community environments.

These policies apply to all residents and their guests. Student Housing has the right to change policies at its sole discretion at any time. Student Housing and University of California, Irvine Police Department (UCIPD) reserve the right to determine what constitutes disorderly conduct, excessive noise, or interference with rights, comforts, or conveniences of other students.

P.01 Alcohol

The fundamental purpose of this University community is a dedication to excellence in teaching, research, and public service. Alcohol abuse and the resulting consequences have a significant negative impact on campus life and individual clarity of thought, verbal and perceptual acuity, and mental alertness. Members and guests of the community are expected to take responsibility for their drinking behavior and for the consequences of alcohol consumption. The University is obligated to outline behavioral expectations of students, staff, faculty, and off-campus guests who (by permit or otherwise) use alcohol on university properties, or in conjunction with events sponsored by university departments, schools or programs. The well-being of individuals of the University community is paramount. The priority is to ensure that students receive prompt medical attention for any health or safety emergency (alcohol or drug intoxication, physical violence, etc.) and to ensure there are no impediments to reporting incidents. If an individual is so intoxicated or drugged that they are unable to be awakened or care for themselves, letting that person “sleep it off” is not a reasonable alternative to getting them necessary medical help. UC Irvine and Student Housing comply with the laws of the State of California. Important parts of those are summarized below:

No person may sell, furnish, or give any alcoholic beverage to a person under the age of 21, and no person under the age of 21 may purchase alcoholic beverages. (*Reference: California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, Section 25658*). Refer to [CA Alcoholic Beverage Control Act](#) for details on the CABC Act section codes.

It is unlawful for a person under the age of 21 to possess alcoholic beverages on any street or highway or in any public place or in any place open to public view. (*Reference: California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act, Section 25662*). Refer to [CA Alcoholic Beverage Control Act](#) for details on the CABC Act section codes.

Student Housing further specifies:

- a. **Eligible Age:** All residents and their guests must be 21 years of age to possess, transport, store, or consume alcohol. Storage of alcohol in a room where a minor resides is prohibited in all residential facilities.
- b. **Private Use:** Students who are 21 or older may consume alcohol within the privacy of their own room. All individuals present where there are open or closed alcohol containers must be at least 21 years of age, and room doors must be closed. Any person under 21 may not consume alcohol (residents and guests). In all cases, all those present must adhere to housing policies governing noise and other common courtesies. Alcohol consumption is not permitted in any public areas within Undergraduate Housing.
- c. **Alcohol Permits:** No alcohol permits will be issued to UC Irvine students for events that occur in Undergraduate Housing facilities.

- d. **Open or Closed Containers:** No one, regardless of age, may have an open or closed container of alcohol (e.g., can, bottle, cup, cases/boxes, empty or with contents) in a public area (including grounds, parking lots, patios/balconies, and assigned residential spaces with doors open) at any time. A public place is anywhere other than a closed residence hall room or house bedroom.
- e. **Common Sources of Alcohol:** Kegs (including those which are empty or untapped), bulk sources of alcohol, distribution, methods of mass consumption, and games that facilitate the drinking of alcohol are also not permitted in Undergraduate Housing, regardless of the resident's and guest's age. Alcohol may not be manufactured or produced in any of the residential communities.
- f. **Disposal of Alcohol:** When instructed by a staff member, residents must dispose of alcoholic beverages if the possession of the beverages is a violation of State law or University and Housing policies. Refusal to dispose of alcohol will be considered a violation of Housing policies.
- g. **Group Activities:** Group events or activities that include alcohol use are not permitted in any public areas within UC Irvine Undergraduate Housing communities. Drinking games or simulated drinking games are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to beer pong, water pong (or another beverage), flip cups, quarters, and other variants. Items used for drinking games or other activities that encourage the excessive or rapid consumption of alcohol are not allowed (beer pong tables, beer bong, funnels, etc.)
- h. **Behavior while under the influence:** Students are responsible for their behavior and that of their guests at all times. The inability to exercise care for university property or property of others, one's own safety or the safety of others due in whole or part to alcohol consumption is considered a violation of policy.

P.02 Animals

Due to the need for pest control, the potential for disruption, and safety and medical reasons, animals are not permitted in any of the undergraduate housing facilities. This policy also includes guests' pets and Emotional Support Animal (ESAs). Emotional Support Animals must be approved by UCI [Disability Services Center](#) (DSC) and notification sent from DSC to Student Housing before the animal arrives on campus. The exception to this rule is fish in a tank no larger than 10 gallons. Each resident is permitted one 10-gallon tank. Individuals in violation may be assessed an associated cleaning and fumigation fee, immediate and mandatory removal of the animal(s) and possible disciplinary action. Animals, other than service dogs, are not permitted in any campus building. Animals found in violation of this policy will be required to be removed from the community immediately. For more information on Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals, please see the UCI Disability Services Center ([UCI Disability Services](#)) information.

- a. A service or ESA animal shall be under the control of its handler at all times when outside of the resident's unit. The animal shall have a harness, leash, or other tether.
- b. UC Irvine and Student Housing are not responsible for the care or supervision of a service animal or ESA.
- c. Residents are required to clean up after their animal. Resident agrees to comply with sanitation guidelines, whereby animal waste, litter box, and small animal bedding contents must be double-bagged and securely tied before placing in dumpster. Animal waste may never be disposed of inside a building.
- d. Students with ESAs verified through Disability Services Center will be required to provide additional information to Student Housing and sign an agreement form regarding the animal prior to it arriving on campus.
- e. ESAs are only permitted in the resident room/unit, not in any common area or a residence hall or house (except when being walked outside via the hallway to the nearest exit).

P.03 Appliances

Open element appliances (including, but not limited to indoor grills, soldering irons, etc.) are prohibited. Mini refrigerators are permitted in individual rooms if they are Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved, 700 watts or less, and not larger than 4.3 cubic feet. The only micro-fridge permitted is the one available through Student Housing's vendor. Energy star appliances are recommended. For safety reasons, the use of electrical cooking appliances such as brewing systems (including but not limited to Keurigs, coffee pots, hot water heaters), personal microwaves, hot plates, sandwich makers, rice cookers, and electric grills are permitted only in kitchen areas. Air conditioners of any type (window, portable, etc.) are not permitted. Housing Office staff reserve the right to remove any unauthorized or potentially dangerous electrical appliance.

P.04 Balconies and Patios

Only furniture designed for outdoor use is permitted on the patios and balconies [P. 21 - Furnishings]; hammocks are prohibited from balconies, patios, or landscaped areas. Interior furniture, clotheslines, trash, mops, surfing gear, and other personal/non-University provided items are not permitted on the balconies or other exterior areas. Personal barbecue grills of any type are not permitted in any community. Detailed information regarding fire safety and barbecue grills can be found at: [EH&S Fire Safety](#).

P.05 Cameras

Cameras which consist of doorbell and/or Home Security and/or similar.

- a. Doorbell cameras and/or home security cameras or similar equipment are permitted only as an accommodation provided by specific campus offices (e.g. Campus Assault Resources and Education (CARA), Disability Services Center (DSC), Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (OEOD), UCIPD) and must be installed and uninstalled by Student Housing Operations personnel.
- b. UCI does not own or monitor the doorbell camera and/or home security camera or similar footage.
- c. Footage from the doorbell camera is to be viewed by the approved owner only. Doorbell camera and/or home security camera or similar footage may not be shared with or uploaded to any individual or entity or circulated in any way except to the office authorizing the accommodation without written permission from that office and then only to the individual(s) or entity(ies) specified by the office.
- d. Audio recording must be disabled at all times.
- e. Any student who violates these rules (including by installing their own equipment) will be referred to the Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct. Equipment installed in violation of these rules shall be removed.

P.06 Collective/Community Responsibility

Everyone in a community has a social responsibility to maintain the safety and well-being of the individuals in the community. Everyone needs to be aware of what is happening and take responsibility for developing a positive environment.

- a. Failing to seek assistance for an individual involved in any health or safety emergency may result in disciplinary action.
- b. Encouraging or permitting others in the commission or attempted commission of misconduct is a violation of the Student Housing Policies. Students must remove themselves from the situation and notify appropriate University personnel of the misconduct.

P.07 Commercial/Business Enterprise

No activity of a business or commercial nature is permitted on Student Housing property. This includes, but is not limited to, investment ventures, real estate sales, apartment rentals or brokerage, childcare, animal care, or any venture involving the transaction of money or products in exchange for services, unless it is part of a pre-approved, Housing sponsored event.

P.08 Computer and Network Use

Personal home routers are strictly prohibited in housing communities where Residential Network wireless service is provided (Arroyo Vista, Las Lomas, Mesa Court, and Middle Earth).

Students will be held responsible for misuse of the UC Irvine network and computing services. Infractions can result in temporary or permanent loss of computing and/or network privileges, student conduct review, and/or federal or state legal prosecution. By connecting to the Residential Network and registering your computer, students acknowledge and agree to the policy, and are therefore responsible for knowing and abiding by its rules. Consult the Computer and Network Use Policy, found here: [UCI Computer and Network Use policy](#) for information on your rights and responsibilities.

P.09 Cooperation with University Personnel

Residents and guests must cooperate with and act respectfully toward university personnel who are acting in the performance of their duties. This includes in-person and virtual/electronic communication, such as Zoom, email, phone calls, social media, etc. Residents must present identification to university personnel upon request and may be required to leave the Student Housing community if they are unable to present identification (children under 16 years of age and accompanied by their legal guardian or resident host who

has a valid photo identification are an exception). This includes, but is not limited to, interactions with all Housing staff (professional and student staff), Dining Services staff, UCIPD and OCFA/Fire Department. Interfering with university personnel while in the performance of their duties is prohibited. Providing false or inaccurate information when reporting an incident can lead to a referral to the Office of Academic Integrity & Student Conduct for adjudication. Examples of violations of this policy include, but are not limited to: providing false information, failing to present identification, withholding information, interfering with staff while they are performing their duties, noncompliance with verbal written, and/or electronic directives or sanctions, and abusive language or exhibiting abusive behavior toward staff.

P.10 Damaging University Property

Students will be held personally responsible and billed for parts and labor associated with all damages to their unites and public areas. All charges will be based on the current rate per department, and premium overtime charges may apply. In the event of room/unit damages, which cannot be attributed to a specific person(s), all occupants will be billed equally.

Any damages to public areas, beyond normal wear and tear, which cannot be attributed to a specific person(s), will be billed evenly among the residents of the particular suite, residence hall or house (See P.33 - Public Area Responsibility).

P.11 Dances and Event Sponsorship

Dances and events that occur in each community must be sponsored by such groups as Resident Housing Association (RHA) [RHA website](#) and student staff such as Resident Advisors (RAs). Your community Housing Office will have details about these events and ways to get involved. Access to activities and facilities is limited to residents only. Events involving alcohol are not allowed in any undergraduate housing community. Sound permits may be required for the event.

P.12 Decorations

All decorations must abide by fire safety code as set by the California Code of Regulations, (Title 19, Division 1, Section 3.21 Interior Finish of Decorative Materials). Materials must be arranged safely so that they do not cover or block ingress, egress, or fire safety equipment access including, but not limited to exits, exit signs, walkways, hallways, elevators, lights, smoke detectors, fire control panels or fire extinguishers. Decorations should not be attached to any fire safety equipment, including sprinklers.

All electric decorations must be Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved. No attachments can be made to the exterior of buildings and surrounding landscape without prior approval. For further clarification on decorations and the use of extension cords, please contact your community Housing Office. Decorations should only be in your room/unit, and not in common areas including the area outside your room/unit and hall walkways. Decorations should be limited to the interior of your unit and are not to be facing outward on windows and doors.

When putting up any type of decorations, remember that tape, tacks, and nails can damage a wall or door. You will be held responsible for all such damage. We recommend using products that do not harm surfaces in your room. For information on the California Code of Regulations please refer to the following link; [California Code of Regulations](#).

P.13 Dining Facilities Conduct

Students will be held personally and/or financially accountable for the following violations:

- a. Use of another student's meal card.
- b. Transferring use of your meal card to another student.
- c. Taking food, utensils, plates, bowls, glasses, decorations etc. without permission from the manager of the dining facility.
- d. Passing food to another person outside the dining facility.
- e. Obtaining entrance or assisting others in obtaining entrance to the dining facility without a valid meal card or without paying the cashier.
- f. Eating a meal in the dining room and taking a to-go meal (without an additional swipe).
- g. Soliciting of swipes/access to the Dining halls within Student Housing grounds/buildings.

Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests and must remain with their guests the entire time the guests are present in the dining facility.

P.14 Disruptive Behavior

Students are personally and socially responsible for contributing to an environment that promotes sleep, study, and community well-being. Any behavior that disrupts the community is considered disorderly, is prohibited, and is cause for disciplinary action. University staff and/or UCIPD can ask any resident or visitor to leave the premises if they determine such an action is necessary. This policy applies to, but is not limited to, the following list:

- a. **Destruction and Defacing of Property** - Destruction and defacing of university property and personal property will not be tolerated.
- b. **Elevators** – Students and guests may not tamper with, exceed the maximum occupancy of, jump in, or otherwise misuse elevators.
- c. **Food Fights** - Involvement in food fights or throwing food in any way within the housing communities or dining facilities is prohibited. Food fights have resulted in personal injuries and damage to furnishings and facilities.
- d. **Lewd conduct** is prohibited.
- e. **Sports** - Sports activities should take place in designated recreational areas only due to the potential for injury, common area damages, and noise disturbances. Weights may be used only on the ground floors due to the potential for excessive noise and damage to the structure and flooring.
- f. **Throwing Objects** - Thrown objects have resulted in physical harm, property damage, and an unclean environment. At no time shall any article be thrown or dropped from windows, roofs or balconies; nor may they be thrown at people or buildings.
- g. **Water Fights** - Water fights, water guns, water balloons, and water “horseplay” are prohibited. These activities frequently result in human injuries or damages to the facilities and furnishings. Water can activate the fire alarm system.

Please note that similar behavior outside of individual buildings, on Student Housing grounds or adjacent areas, may also be considered disruptive.

P.15 Drones

The use of Drones is not permitted in Student Housing. For campus use, please refer to the UCI Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Drone Procedures [Campus policy on Drones](#). Contact Environmental Health & Safety and Risk Services (EH&S and RS) office at dronesafety@uci.edu for additional information.

P.16 Drugs/Controlled Substances

Drug/controlled substance abuse and the resulting consequences have a significant negative impact on campus life and mar individual clarity of thought, verbal and perceptual acuity, and mental alertness. Members and guests of the community are expected to take personal responsibility for their behavior and for the consequences of drug/controlled substance use. The well-being of individuals of the university community is paramount. The priority is to ensure that students receive prompt medical attention for any health or safety emergency (alcohol or drug intoxication, physical violence, etc.) and to ensure there are no impediments to reporting incidents.

- a. Federal law, California State Law, and University policies prohibit the unlawful possession, solicitation, procurement, sale, consumption, or manufacture of drugs/controlled substances.
- b. Being in the presence of controlled substances, with or without objective signs of being under the influence, is prohibited.
- c. The possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia is prohibited in and around all residential facilities.
- d. Students are responsible for their behavior at all times. The inability to exercise care for university property or property of others, one’s own safety or the safety of others due in whole or part to drug or controlled substance use is considered a violation of policy.
- e. The use of any prescribed medication, over the counter drugs, and other controlled substances in an abusive or recreational manner is prohibited. Prescription medication may only be used or possessed by the person to whom it is prescribed.
- f. Cannabis products, in any form are prohibited.
- g. Tobacco products, e-cigs, vapes, etc. are prohibited on any UC Irvine property. Please refer to [UC Smoking Policy](#) and [UCI Smoking Policy](#).
- h. The well-being of individuals of the University community is paramount. The priority is to ensure that students receive prompt medical attention for any health or safety emergency (alcohol or drug intoxication, physical violence, etc.) and to ensure there are no impediments to reporting incidents.

On Nov. 8, 2016, California voters passed Proposition 64 legalizing the use of recreational marijuana among people over the age of 21. It is important to understand that Prop. 64 does not change UC policy; marijuana remains prohibited on all University property and at all University events, except for approved academic research. ***Notwithstanding Proposition 64, using, distributing and possessing marijuana on campus remains illegal under federal law.*** Medical marijuana cards are not acknowledged on the UC Irvine campus property. Please see P.37 Smoking for additional information regarding the smoking policy. For more information, see the Disability Services Center policies regarding the need for accommodation because of a medical condition(s).

P.17 Face-Covering

The California Department of Public Health website provides information regarding when and why to wear a mask. [California Department of Public Health website](#)

P.18 Facilities Spaces

Housing spaces require reservations and must adhere to all Terms & Conditions listed within the reservation system as well as all Housing and campus policies. Ability to reserve some spaces is restricted to Housing staff only (event spaces such as lawn space and conference rooms), ability to reserve or use other spaces (including study rooms, fitness and recreation centers, basketball and volleyball courts) is restricted to Undergraduate Housing residents.

Reservations may be requested here [Student Housing reservations](#) (Note: a request is not a reservation).

P.19 Facility or Grounds Alterations

The University maintains the community facilities and grounds. No additions, alterations, or defacing, temporary or permanent, to the interior or exterior of any door, room, furnishings, hallway, building, or the grounds can be made without prior written approval from your community Housing Office. Residents may not put-up fences or place signs, cultivate plants, or make other changes to the grounds without prior approval of the Housing Operations Services Center.

Any actions that alter the appearance or integrity of a facility, or present safety liabilities as determined by Housing staff are prohibited unless otherwise approved by Student Housing professional staff.

P.20 Fire Safety

All residents are required to evacuate during every fire alarm (practice fire drills and actual alarms). Failure to evacuate during a fire alarm is a violation of Housing and University policy. Every person who violates any provision of the Health and Safety Code section 13190.4, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. For more information on the Health and Safety Code, go to [Health and Safety Code](#) and look up Health and Safety Code (HSC) 13190.4.

It is against university regulations, and Federal and State laws, to tamper with or block access to any of the following items:

- a. Door/hardware/closing mechanisms
- b. Elevators
- c. Emergency exits (includes hallways and any egress areas)
- d. Evacuation chairs
- e. Fire alarm systems
- f. Fire doors
- g. Fire extinguishers (minimum 36-inch clearance below/around)
- h. Fire hoses
- i. Heat detectors
- j. Pull stations (minimum 36-inch clearance below/around)
- k. Smoke alarms/detectors
- l. Sprinklers (minimum 18-inch clearance below/around all sprinkler heads)

Tampering includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Removing batteries of any alarm system
- b. Disconnecting wiring of any alarm system
- c. Muffling the sound of any alarm system
- d. Removing hardware from fire doors to prevent proper latching/closing

- e. Propping fire doors open
- f. Blocking access to fire panels, there must be a 36-inch clearance around and below any fire panels
- g. Covering/removing of smoke detectors

Any person initiating a false fire alarm or violating any provision of the State Fire Codes is subject to damage charges, civil prosecution and serious disciplinary action. Residents who cause a fire (even if the cause is unintentional) and /or disregard kitchen safety will be held financially responsible for repair or damages. If it is not possible to determine who is responsible for this violation, all associated fees may be divided equally among the residents of the hall/suite/house.

Kitchen/cooking safety is important. Leaving food unattended while cooking and using appliances (stove, oven, microwave) for *any* period of time is a safety issue and violation of this policy.

For the safety of yourself and your community, it is imperative that you notify your community Housing Office and complete a work order any time you feel your fire equipment/alarms are not functioning properly. Residents are encouraged to decorate their living environment with attention to fire safety. It is important to note the following safety precautions:

- Incense, candles, open flames, dry ice (creating fog or mist), and fog machines are not permitted in any on campus residence. Exceptions can be requested for special circumstances through your community Housing Office.
- No materials (cloth, paper, etc.) shall be placed over light bulbs for any reason.
- All lighting-in housing facilities must be UL-approved.
- Flammable/explosive liquids cannot be stored in any on-campus housing community.
- No items may touch, obstruct, or be hung from sprinkler heads (minimum 18-inch clearance below/around all sprinklers).
- Hallways and fire exits may not be blocked in any manner.
- All surge protectors and power strips used in the Housing must be the Underwriter Laboratories (UL) approved.
- Power strips may not be connected to one another, for example daisy-chaining
- Power cords and string lights cannot obstruct walkways or stairwells
- All furniture must be arranged so that it does not cover or block ingress, egress or fire safety equipment, including but not limited to exits, exit signs, walkways, elevators, lights, smoke detectors, fire control panels or fire extinguishers.
- Fires may not be set, intentionally or unintentionally, on Student Housing grounds or within its facilities.

To ensure that rooms meet all the safety requirements, EH&S will conduct room inspections at least once a year--rooms with automatic sprinklers maybe inspected quarterly.

P.21 Furnishings

Furniture in lounges, living rooms, community centers, and other public areas are the property of the University and are for the use of all residents. Moving furniture from public areas to individual rooms is considered theft. The relocation of university furniture to balconies, patios, and storage rooms or anywhere outside of the buildings is prohibited. Window screens, desks, beds, and furnishings assigned to individual rooms are not to be dismantled or removed from their proper place.

All furniture located in common community spaces must be fire retardant for group living situations. Residents of Arroyo Vista and the Residence Halls must receive a written authorization from the Housing Operations prior to adding or removing furniture to the house, hall or room; this includes adding or removing sofas, futons, or chairs. Residents seeking authorization to bring in privately owned furniture should contact their housing community directly (Arroyo Vista, Las Lomas, Mesa Court, Middle Earth).

All furniture must be arranged safely so that they do not cover or block ingress, egress or fire safety equipment including, but not limited to exits, exit signs, walkways, elevators, lights, smoke detectors, fire control panels or fire extinguishers.

P.22 Gambling

All gambling prohibited by Section 330 of the California Penal Code is prohibited in all campus residential facilities. In addition, residents may not use university electronic communications resources in any way that violates any university policy or law [UC Policy 800-15 F.1.a](#).

For more information on the California statute, go to [CA Penal Code](#) and look up Penal Code (PEN) 330.

P.23 Groups

Any group recognized by the University or Housing may be held accountable as a group for violating policies within a housing facility, this includes but is not limited to, Registered Campus Organizations.

P.24 Guest Visitation

Occasionally, residents may wish to have a family member or friend visit or stay with them overnight.

- a. Each resident is personally responsible for the behavior of their guests while on campus and in the housing communities.
- b. Resident hosts are expected to always be with their guests.
- c. Guests must have identification on them at all times and present the identification to university personnel upon request.
- d. For safety, no more than 10 individuals/guests are permitted in a room at any one time.
- e. Overnight guest visitation is restricted to no more than one person at a time for three days within a two-week period.
- f. The host must be a resident and must make an agreement with their roommate(s) prior to inviting guests.
- g. Guests may not sleep in public (common) areas.

Any situation involving disruptive behavior or frequent guests will be considered a policy violation and will be addressed by a staff member. Housing has the right to restrict specific guests if they have been disruptive or have violated Housing or University policies. All residents and their guests are expected to respect the rights of people with whom they live.

P.25 Harassment

Harassment is defined as conduct that is so severe and/or pervasive, and objectively offensive that it substantially impairs a person's access to university programs or activities that the person is effectively denied equal access to the university's resources and opportunities.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to, conduct that is motivated based on a person's race, color, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, ancestry, service in the uniformed services, physical or mental disability, medical condition, or perceived membership in any of these classifications. Physical abuse, threats of violence, Communicated/transmitted through any medium or individual(s) or conduct that threatens the safety of well-being of any person, including harassment, is strictly prohibited according to [UC Anti-Discrimination policy](#). It may be conveyed through graffiti, verbal statements, telephone calls, social media, texting, or by other means. This includes behaviors that would be considered bullying or cyberbullying. The influence of drugs or alcohol shall not in any way mitigate the consequences of this type of behavior or limit the personal responsibility of the individuals(s) involved.

Violations of this policy can be reported to the UCIPD at [\(949\) 824-5224](#) and may result in action by the university as well as criminal charges. In an emergency, call [911](#). Residents can also contact their RA or Housing professional staff to report or reach out directly to report an incident at [Report an incident to OEOD](#).

All claims reported to Student Housing will be forwarded to the UC Irvine Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity (OEOD). OEOD is available to assist students, staff and faculty at [\(949\) 824-5594](#) or [OEOD office](#).

P.26 Hazing

Hazing of any kind will not be tolerated. Hazing includes any act that causes, is likely to cause, or threatens physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to any student or any person. Those people involved in hazing will face disciplinary action and may be referred to the Office of Academic Integrity & Student Conduct (refer to the University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students). For additional information please see [UCI Hazing Prevention](#).

P.27 Keys and Facilities

Access or attempted access to a room or facility without authorization is not permitted; nor is access or attempted access through a window, balcony and/or roof permitted. This includes student staff/leaders accessing space/keys without a current and specific job-related duty. Students may not reproduce university or Housing keys, loan keys to another party, manipulate locks or door handles, damage keys, misuse keys or electronic lock/key cards, alter keys in any way, or have an excessive number of losses of a key or lockout. Students are expected to immediately report all lost and stolen keys since it compromises the safety of residents and the facilities.

P.28 Noise and Quiet Hours

Anytime individuals live together in a community, a reasonable level of noise is expected. However, common noise, indoors or outdoors, should not impede the ability of others to function effectively. Quiet hours have been established to support the creation of an environment conducive to sleep and study. Regardless of stated quiet hours, the right to quiet supersedes the privilege to make noise. With appropriate approval from the office, and advance notice to the residential community, events may be scheduled that will result in higher than normal noise levels in the community. The staff will give careful consideration to any exception requests and will only grant approval occasionally.

Any resident may request that any other resident or group of residents, indoors or outdoors, cease any activity that is interfering with their ability to study, rest, or quietly enjoy the community, unless it is a pre-approved and pre-publicized event. We encourage residents to first address noise issues with each other before requesting staff assistance. However, this is not a requirement before a noise complaint can be reported. Music, musical instruments, television, video games, loud talking, sports equipment, bass, sub woofers, etc., or events that can be heard in another resident's room or apartment can be considered too loud regardless of the time of day. Residents may not direct stereo speakers or other amplification devices facing out of open windows.

Quiet hours are enforced in Arroyo Vista, Las Lomas, Mesa Court, and Middle Earth housing during the following times:

Weeknights:

- Sunday 10:00 p.m. to Monday 8:00 a.m.
- Monday 10:00 p.m. to Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday 10:00 p.m. to Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 10:00 p.m. to Thursday 8:00 a.m.
- Thursday 10:00 p.m. to Friday 8:00 a.m.

Weekends:

- Friday 11:59 p.m. to Saturday 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday 11:59 p.m. to Sunday 10:00 a.m.

24 Quiet Hours beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday of the 10th week of classes each quarter and continues through the end of finals. University holidays follow the weekend policy. Each community Housing Office may adjust quiet hours based on community needs.

P.29 Painting

The painting of the exterior and interior of all rooms in each community will be the University's responsibility. Any modifications to individual or public area rooms, including murals and wallpaper, must have prior written approval by the **Housing Operation Service Center**. Please submit a work order request to see if painting your unit (not any common area) is possible at the [Housing Work Order site](#).

Any resident responsible for any unauthorized painting is subject to paying the University's cost to restore the facility to its previous state.

P.30 Package Delivery

Student Housing will not accept delivery of materials that are in violation of housing and campus policies, or local, state, and/or federal laws. Residents may be financially responsible for the package return fees. Non-resident packages will not be accepted and will be Returned to Sender (RTS). Student Housing will RTS items that violate housing policies including but not limited to: weapons, alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia including vaping pens and any personal micromobility devices that does not meet safety standards.

P.31 Personal Care

In alignment with Anteater Living and Learning (ALL), residents are personally and socially responsible for managing their wellness and personal care which includes but is not limited to personal hygiene.

- a. Actively & intentionally spreading sickness to another person is not tolerated.

P.32 Posting

Only Student Housing staff are permitted to post flyers and materials within the residential communities. Campus organizations/departments wishing flyers to be posted may drop them off at the community Housing office with a contact name and cell phone number. Flyers will be distributed for posting if space permits.

- a. Materials, signs, banners, posters, etc. may not be posted anywhere within Student Housing including but not limited to hung or propped against buildings, trees, light poles, trash/recycling receptacles, placed on the lawns/grounds.
- b. No materials may be posted on windows, including windows in resident rooms/units, except for public/common area windows on which approved materials for university business may be posted.
- c. Removing or covering existing flyers is not permitted.
- d. All outward-facing signs, decorations, and expressions in windows/on doors are prohibited.
- e. Chalking is not permitted at any time.
- f. Any forms of posting or messaging that utilize or deface the facilities or grounds (temporarily or permanently), alter their structural integrity, or present safety liabilities are prohibited.

All postings must comply with the campus posting policy. The policy can be found at [Campus Posting Policy](#).

P.33 Privacy

All persons have a reasonable expectation of privacy while living in Student Housing communities. Taking still photographs, making a video recording, audio recording, or streaming audio/video of private, non-public in-person or virtual conversations and/or meetings without the knowledge and expressed consent of all recorded parties or where the person has a reasonable expectation of privacy is prohibited. Student Conduct action will be taken and cases may be referred to the Office of Academic Integrity & Student Conduct.

Definitions of express consent, private location, and private, non-public conversations and/or meetings are in section 102.25: [UC Privacy Policy](#).

P.34 Public Area Responsibility

Residents share the social responsibility for the condition of the public areas of the building and its furnishings. This includes:

- a. Keeping living rooms, hallways, stairways, bathrooms, laundry rooms, study rooms, and kitchens clear of unreasonable clutter, litter and personal items including transportation devices (bicycles/scooters/skateboards/etc.) weightlifting equipment, and audio-visual equipment.
- b. Residents are collectively responsible for all cleaning.
- c. Public area furnishings are to be used in the manner for which they are designed and must remain in their original locations.

- d. Residents and/or their guests may not sleep in public areas.
- e. Residents must collect their personal belongings and remove any trash that they may have generated before leaving a common area or facility. Items left in common areas may be removed and discarded by the university.
- f. Residents may not post materials in public areas per the P. 31 Posting Policy.

Periodic checks of the public areas are conducted throughout the year and damages are assessed accordingly. Residents will be responsible for any loss or damage caused to their environment, suite, apartment, residence hall, house, or its furnishings. Whenever it is not possible to assign charges for damages or relocation of common area furnishings, to a specific person or persons, those charges will be divided evenly among the residents of that room, suite, apartment, residence hall, or house. Student Housing is not responsible for the loss or damage of any personal property in public area spaces.

P.35 Room Changes

Unauthorized room changes are not permitted. Residents who wish to change rooms must submit a room change request via Roomcompact and obtain permission and approval prior to any move or change to their assignment. All room changes are regulated by specific procedures coordinated by the Housing Office.

If a space becomes vacant in your room/unit, Housing Administrative Services will work to fill the space. Residents are required to always keep the vacant space clean and available for a potential roommate, failure to do so may result in additional charges for occupying multiple spaces. Residents may not deter potential roommates by creating an unwelcoming environment.

P.36 Safety

Any dangerous behavior should be reported to UCIPD, and any safety concerns should be reported to your community housing office or duty staff immediately. Such behavior may be subject to disciplinary action.

The following are some examples of safety concerns:

- a. **Door Propping:** Any door propped open jeopardizes the security and safety of all residents in the community. Therefore, the propping of any door is strictly prohibited.
- b. **Rooftops:** No resident is permitted on any building's roof for any purpose. If an item is on the roof, please contact a university employee to assist you.
- c. **Window Screens:** Window screens are not to be removed. Attempting to do so poses a security risk, results in irreparable damage to the screen, and may also result in a replacement charge to the resident(s). Keeping your screen on your window will also decrease the likelihood of bugs and pests entering your room. Unauthorized entry/exit through windows is strictly prohibited.

Housing staff reserves the right to inspect rooms and document observations to ensure compliance with occupancy maintenance, and health and safety regulations at any time. Documentation may include pictures, work orders, or other written records. Environmental Health & Safety, and Housing staff may conduct routine Health and Safety Inspections per room throughout the year as necessary.

P.37 Sexual Violence/Sexual Harassment

The University of California ("University") is committed to creating a maintaining a community dedicated to the advancement, application and transmission of knowledge and creative endeavors through academic excellence, where all people who participate in university programs and activities can work, learn, and live together in an atmosphere free of harassment, exploitation, or intimidation.

Sexual violence, sexual harassment, retaliation, and other behavior prohibited by this Policy interfere with those goals. The University will respond promptly and effectively to reports of such conduct. This includes action to stop, prevent, correct, and when necessary, discipline behavior that violates this policy. Every member of the University community should be aware that such behavior is prohibited by law and by university policy and that the University will not tolerate sex offenses in any form.

For cases of harassment based on sex, see also **Policy on Sexual Violence and Harassment at UCOP** [policy](#), the full policy and procedures can be found at the [Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct](#). Please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, OEOD with further questions or concerns; [OEOD office](#) or [\(949\) 824-5594](tel:9498245594).

Report an incident to [OEOD](#). Residents can also contact your RA or Housing professional staff to report.

P.38 Smoking

Smoking (including, but not limited to electronic cigarettes, hookah pens, vape pens as well as any other instruments used to engage in “vaping”, etc.) and all cannabis and tobacco products are prohibited on the UCI campus including all student residential communities. Resident and their guests are not permitted to smoke or use tobacco products within houses, residence halls, individual apartment units, in common areas, and throughout the grounds. This includes all hallways, lobbies, parking lots, walkways, and all exterior grounds. Use of cannabis and tobacco in any form is strictly prohibited on the UCI campus. Residents and their guests must dispose of cigarettes and vape/hookah cartridges when instructed to do so by staff. Refusal to dispose of items is considered an additional violation of Student Housing policies.

Detailed information about the UC Smoke and Tobacco Free Environment Policy is available at [UC Smoke-Free Campus](#) and [UCI Smoking Policy](#). Please also see P. 16 Drugs/Controlled Substances.

P.39 Solicitation

Student Housing does not allow door-to-door solicitation outside of its own staff or a designated Student Housing program. This includes any campus entity as well as off-campus groups or individuals.

- a. Student Housing only allows solicitation (including, but not limited to: products, services, information, events) at specified locations through reservation in advance in each community. Student Housing Space Reservations are available at [Student Housing Space Reservations](#).
- b. Solicitation on the campus at large can only take place with prior permission from the Student Center, [Student Center Event Form](#).
- c. Report any solicitors immediately to the UCIPD at [\(949\) 824-5223](#) to your community Housing Office or to the community duty line. Refer also to UC Irvine University Policy 900-12 at [UCI campus policy](#).

P.40 Subletting

Residents may not sublet their housing space or assign any of their rights pursuant to the Housing contract or lease. This includes, but is not limited to, listing their bed/room/unit for rent on Airbnb or similar sites.

P.41 Theft

Respect for the property of the University and of other community members is valued. The theft, conversion, damage, or destruction of any University or personal property is prohibited.

P.42 Threatening Behavior

Participation in activities or behavior that threaten or impact the health and safety of individuals or the community is prohibited. This policy includes, but is not limited to, physical, electronic, written and verbal interactions that are either direct or indirect which are prohibited within housing communities and on the campus at large. Violations of this policy may be referred to the Office of Academic Integrity & Student Conduct, reported to the UCIPD at [\(949\) 824-5223](#), and may result in action by the University as well as criminal charges. In an emergency, call [911](#). This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Abuse (physical, verbal or written)
- b. Bullying or Cyber bullying
- c. Coercion
- d. Harassment
- e. Intimidation
- f. Physical
- g. Stalking
- h. Threats
- i. Unwanted personal contact
- j. Violence against another person or their property

P.43 Transportation and Personal Micromobility Devices

Student Housing's policy is based on [California Civil Code 1940.41](#) regarding personal micromobility devices (e-scooters, hoverboards, e-bicycles) and [UCI Campus Policy 904.13](#), and includes manual powered bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc.

- a. **Charging, Parking & Storing:** Motorcycles and mopeds (all similar transportation devices powered by gasoline) are to be parked, stored and driven only in designated areas (parking lots and roads) and not

within pedestrian areas of the housing communities (pedestrian areas include but are not limited to sidewalks and pathways).

- a. Manual transportation devices or electric personal micromobility devices (a device that is powered by the physical exertion of the rider or an electric motor and is designed to transport one individual or one adult accompanied by up to three minors – i.e. scooters/e-bikes) may not be charged or stored in any public common area including, but not limited to hallways, lounges, bathrooms, etc.
 - i. Any transportation device found unattended in violation of policy, may be confiscated by Housing staff so the owner/rider can be identified and documented and the device may then be returned to the owner/rider through the conduct process.
- b. Manual transportation devices and/or electronic personal micromobility devices (as defined above) may not be used within pedestrian areas of the housing communities (pedestrian areas include but are not limited to sidewalks/pathways). Refer to the following link for campus policy information including where permitted devices are allowed on campus [UCI Campus Policy 904.13](#) in addition to the Housing Communities.
- b. **Resident Rooms:** Manual transportation devices and/or personal micromobility devices (as defined above) may be kept in a student's room/unit if the device does not pose a fire hazard.
 - a. The owner/user of the personal micromobility device must be present when the device is charging.
- c. **Indoor Usage:** Allowed devices may not be used inside Student Housing facilities (outside of devices needed for ADA access).
- d. **Repair and Maintenance:** Manual transportation devices and/or personal micromobility devices and their components may not be repaired or maintained inside Student Housing Facilities. Changing a flat tire or adjusting the brakes on a personal micromobility device within the student's room/unit is not considered to be a repair of maintenance and is allowed.
- e. **Device Standards:** In accordance with [California Civil Code 1940.41](#), personal micromobility devices must comply with the following safety standards:
 - a. For e-bikes, UL2849, the Standard for Electrical Systems for e-bikes, as recognized by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, or EN 15194, the European Standard for electronically powered assisted cycles (EPAC Bicycles).
 - b. For e-scooters, e-skateboards and related devices, UL 2272, the Standard for Electrical Systems for Personal E-Mobility Devices, as recognized by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, or EN 17128, the European Standard for Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV).
 - c. If a device's battery fails to meet one of the two above standards, the student must maintain an insurance policy covering storage of the device in their room and Student Housing will not permit charging the personal micromobility device inside the unit.

Refer to the following link for additional campus policy information including where permitted devices are allowed on campus [UCI Campus Policy 904.13](#). Refer to the California Vehicle Code definition of a motorized scooter, [VEH Code 407.5](#) and California Vehicle Code 21235 for rules of the road operating a motorized scooter at [CA Vehicle Code 21235](#). For additional safety information, refer to [State Marshall Safety Guidelines](#).

P.44 Weapons and Explosives

University regulations strictly prohibit the use or possession of firearms. Also prohibited are weapons such as, but not limited to, stun guns, ghost guns, daggers, retractable bladed knives, knives with a fixed blade over 2.5 inches (other than kitchen knives), nun chucks, paint pellet guns, and any device which closely resembles a weapon (such as BB guns, air pellet guns), sling shots, explosives, ammunition, spear guns, bows and arrows, and other dangerous items. In addition, mace and pepper spray may not be misused. Other dangerous items or implements used aggressively or for violent purposes are also prohibited and should be reported to the UCIPD at [949-824-5223](#). In an emergency, call [911](#).

Fireworks and any other explosive materials are prohibited from campus housing.

Other Policies

In addition to the policies of your own community, residents are expected to fully abide by the policies of the other housing units when visiting. Also, residents must adhere to the rules and regulations outlined in the *University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students* booklet, which is available in the Office of Academic Integrity & Student Conduct in the Student Life and Leadership Office and at [OAISC](#) as well as all campus policies, which can be found at Campus policies.