

Decorative stickers are not allowed on exterior room doors due to the damage that is caused by the residue and/or paint removal.

The rationale for this policy stems from security issues, air conditioning issues, and consistent enforcement of policies. If the building has card access security, an alarm will sound if the doors are propped.

FIGHTING. Successful communities respect differences of opinion and confront them appropriately when necessary. Physical fighting, attempting or causing injury to an individual or threat of bodily harm, is not an acceptable form of problem resolution and will not be tolerated in the residence halls/apartments. Physical fighting will result in a contract termination and referral to the Office of Student Life for additional disciplinary action. for additional disciplinary action.

FINES. Residence Life policies and procedures not followed by a resident may include an administrative fine. Administrative fines will not be assessed until after the first mandatory floor, hall, or apartment meeting in the Fall semester. For the Spring semester, only new students will not be billed for administrative fines until after the first mandatory floor, hall, or apartment meeting. All other students may be billed administrative fines for non-compliance of policies and procedures immediately upon return to campus for the Spring semester. Fines will begin after the mandatory floor, hall, or apartment meeting in both summer sessions.

FIRE ALARMS AND FALSE FIRE ALARMS. If a fire alarm is sounded due to actions and/or student's negligence and the student can be identified, then that student will be billed \$250.00 for the fire alarm and possibly referred to the Dean of Students Office, plus the student will be billed for any damage the fire caused to university property.

FIRE DOORS. Fire doors are intended to limit the spread of fire and smoke from one area to another. Propping these doors open adds to potential fire damage. Individuals responsible for propping fire doors may be subject to disciplinary action.

FIRE DRILLS. Fire drills are conducted to educate residents with the sound of the fire alarm, the emergency exits that are available and the procedure for evacuating the building. Failure to evacuate during a drill or alarm in an immediate and cooperative manner will result in a \$250.00 fine and further disciplinary action.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. Fire extinguishers are provided in public areas of all residential facilities, in accordance with the fire code. They should be used for their intended purpose only, and residence hall/apartment staff must be notified within 24 hours should an extinguisher be used to put out a fire. Failure to notify staff within 24 hours will result in a recharge fee of \$50.00. If a fire extinguisher is discharged falsely, the responsible student(s) will be billed the recharge fee of \$50.00 and a \$250.00 fine for tampering with fire safety equipment. Tampering with any part of a fire extinguisher including the safety protection strap, the pull pin, removing the extinguisher from its bracket, and/or removing the bracket from the wall, will result in a fine of \$250.00.

FURNITURE. Students may wish to bring furniture from home. This can include small end tables, bookcases, a stereo, throw rugs, curtains, a wastebasket, and a refrigerator. University issued furniture may not be removed from student rooms for storage. Linens (sheets) must be used on mattresses while sleeping in order to protect mattresses from damage due to sweating and other possible stains/odors. Students living in buildings where a refrigerator is provided may not bring another refrigerator into the room/apartment. Furniture in public areas is intended for use by all students. It must remain in its designated space and must not be relocated to an individual student's room and/or to other areas of the hall/apartment. Public area furniture moved into personal rooms/apartments will result in a \$25.00 fine per item.

Furniture in individual rooms/apartments may not be stacked unless it is specifically designed for that purpose. (See PUBLIC AREAS policy for additional information on furniture.) No furniture items may be placed in such a manner as to block emergency escape from room windows.

Rationale: Damage is always possible when furniture is moved. In addition, consistency is necessary to maintain an adequate knowledge of hall/apartment inventory. Public area furniture is for the use of all and use in individual rooms/apartments deprives others of its use.

GAMBLING. Gambling is illegal in residence halls/apartments or on any state property. Residents who violate this policy will be referred to the Assistant Director for Student Discipline for disciplinary action.

GRIP-A-STRIP. (See DOORS, ROOM)

GROUP BILLING FOR DAMAGES/VANDALISM. As stated in your Terms and Conditions, students may be held accountable for any abnormal wear, damages, or cleaning in public areas of their residence hall/apartment to include billing all members of living unit groups. If those responsible come forward or information is given that leads to the identification of those responsible, then the billing will be assessed to those individuals rather than to the living unit group. Group billing charges may not be appealed. Some examples of items that are group billed: trash in public areas, propped exterior doors, and damage to public areas.

GUESTS. (See VISITATION)

HARASSMENT/BULLYING. Harassment is not tolerated and will result in disciplinary action which may include loss of University housing. "Harassment" is defined as verbal threats, intimidation, or conduct which are severe or pervasive enough to substantially interfere with a reasonable student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or mental emotional or physical well-being and which actually do so interfere. Behaviors and actions exhibited via digital media including email, text messaging or social networking websites (e.g. Facebook or Twitter) are included in the harassment policy.

HEATERS. Space heaters and radiators, whether electric or kerosene powered, are not allowed in residence halls/apartments. Possession of a space heater or radiator will result in a fine of \$25.00. The student must remove the heater from the building immediately.

Rationale: Space heaters and radiators become very hot and therefore can cause damage or fires.

