

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

RESIDENCE HALL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS POLICY

I. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides rules to maintain a safe environment for all residents living in University operated residence halls.

II. POLICY PRINCIPLES

A. Health and Wellness

1. **Appliances (all halls).** Appliances prohibited in all residence halls include, but are not limited to: air-conditioning units, ceiling fans, halogen lamps, personal microwaves exceeding 700 watts, personal refrigerators exceeding 4.3 cubic feet, dishwashers, hot plates, personal washers and dryers, space heaters, appliances with open or exposed heating coils, and those which pose an electrical overload hazard.
2. **Appliances (Hill, Quad, Cambridge).** In the Hill, Quad, and Cambridge residence halls crockpots, toaster ovens and toaster are prohibited.
3. **Pest Control.** Resident use of chemicals or aerosol sprays for insect or pest control is prohibited.
4. **Room Condition.** Residents are responsible for cleaning their room, bathroom, and suite. Rooms must be maintained in good sanitary condition and must be returned in as good repair as when possession was taken, ordinary wear and tear is the only exception.

B. Safety

1. **Arson.** Regardless of size of fire or whether or not damage is caused, starting and/or maintaining a fire or causing an explosion in any residence hall or outside area is prohibited.
2. **Candles/Incense.** The burning of candles and/or incense is prohibited. Candles may be used for decoration but the wick cannot be burnt.
3. **Devices.** Removing, tampering with, and/or the disabling of fire alarm pull stations, smoke or heat detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads or other life safety equipment is prohibited.
4. **Evacuation.** Interference with or non-adherence to evacuation procedures in the residence halls during a fire drill are prohibited. Returning to the residence halls before the "all-clear" signal has been given after a fire drill is prohibited.
5. **Explosives.** The storage, possession, or use of any type of fireworks, firecracker, or explosive material in the residence halls or surrounding vicinity is prohibited.
6. **Extension Cords.** The use of extension cords is prohibited.
7. **False fire alarms.** Activating a fire alarm without due cause and/or falsely reporting a fire to the police or fire department is prohibited.
8. **Flammables.** The storage, possession, or use of flammable materials/liquids in the residence halls is prohibited. Gas grills and gas cylinders/tanks are prohibited.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

August 4, 2014

IV. APPLICABILITY

All persons living in University operated housing, as well as all visitors to University operated housing.

V. POLICY MANAGEMENT

Responsible Office: Property Management, Housing, Residence Life

Responsible Executive: Directors of Property Management, Housing, and Residence Life

Responsible Officer: Directors of Property Management, Housing, and Residence Life

VI. DEFINITIONS

VII. POLICY PROCEDURES

Residents violating this policy will be referred to Residence Life for conduct sanctions.

VIII. SANCTIONS

1. Damages to students' rooms, including costs for replacing missing furnishings, will be charged to the last known student occupant(s) of that room.
2. Damages to any public areas of a residence hall, including costs for replacing missing furniture and other furnishings that cannot be attributed to specific individuals or groups, will be charged to all residents of the smallest applicable area of the hall, the total being divided equally.
3. Residents who violate fire safety policies are subject sanctions administered by Residence Life and fines.

IX. EXCLUSIONS

N/A

X. INTERPRETATION

Directors of Property Management, Housing, and Residence Life