

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

RESIDENCE HALL ROOM/SUITE ENTRY, INSPECTION AND SEARCH POLICY

I. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy explains the circumstances under which students living in University operated residence halls may have their room or suite entered, inspected, or searched.

II. POLICY PRINCIPLES

- A. **Room/Suite Entry.** To provide for general safety and welfare in the residence halls, the University reserves the right to enter and inspect rooms for health or safety reasons, for fire safety, during an emergency, to protect life or property from imminent danger, or to provide repair or maintenance services.
- B. **Inspections and Searches.** Absent an emergency or imminent threat to health or safety or regularly scheduled room/suite inspections, no search of the room/suite contents will be made without either consent of a resident of the room/suite or a search warrant, except as otherwise permitted by law. University provided refrigerators and microwaves may be opened and inspected.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

August 4, 2014

IV. APPLICABILITY

All persons living in University operated residence halls.

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

N/A

VII. POLICY PROCEDURES

Residence Life staff members and other authorized University personnel may only enter a room and/or suite under the following circumstances:

- when there is an immediate threat to the health and safety of residents or property;
- when it is necessary to preserve campus order, security, or discipline;
- during fire drills or severe weather evacuations;
- for routine maintenance repairs or inspections;
- at closing for all university breaks.

VIII. SANCTIONS

Students concerned that a Residence Life staff member has violated this policy may file a written complaint with the Director of Residence Life.

Students concerned that a Property Management staff member has violated this policy may file a written complaint with the Director of Property Management.

IX. EXCLUSIONS

See policy procedures.

X. INTERPRETATION

Directors of Property Management, Housing, and Residence Life