

Attempted or actual theft of, damage to or possession without permission of University property or that of any individual is strictly prohibited. Residential Life recommends registering bicycles and laptops with the University Police. It is important that students keep records of details (make, model, serial number, etc.) of personal belongings to assist in cases of theft. The University does not purchase property insurance covering any loss of or damage to a student's personal property. The University assumes no responsibility for the payment of such a loss.

Rationale: Although residents have the right to expect residence halls to be a safe and secure environment, they should still take precautions to prevent theft. Such precautions include, but are not limited to, locking the door(s) when leaving the room/suite or sleeping, not allowing others to use the room key(s) and locking bikes to bike racks. Report safety and security concerns immediately.

Video/audio Recording and Photography

Video/audio recording and photography in the residence halls must not interfere with residents' and guests' rights to a reasonable expectation of privacy in their living space or to the routine activities of the hall. All subjects must consent and all content must be consistent with the Standard of Conduct for students, University policies and applicable laws for any planned or possible use or reuse of the video/audio recording and photographs for distribution or transmission.

Recording and photography for publication, news/social media, commercial and education projects will be permitted if approved in advance and if in accordance with the Filming, Photography and Audio Recording Policy. Residence Hall Coordinators will provide a copy of the policy upon request. Recording may not pose a security or safety risk and may not conflict with previously planned events.

Rationale: Current technology allows for easy recording and transmission of images and audio. However, residents are entitled to a sense of privacy in their homes. Guidelines and regulations for recordings in the residence halls allows for the upholding of this reasonable expectation.

Weapons

Use or possession of weapons of any type, including, but not limited to, firearms; paintball guns; airsoft, BB or pellet guns or similar weapons; bows and arrows; knives with blades more than four inches long; decorative weapons; ammunition; Mace and bear spray; and explosives, is not permitted in Residential Life-owned or -operated facilities at any time. Other restricted weapons include billy clubs, switchblades, brass knuckles, nun chucks and dangerous chemicals. However, possession of a personal self-defense item 2 ounces or less containing pepper spray (oleoresin capsicum - OC) is allowed. Be sure to read the directions and know how to properly use the pepper spray.

Firearms are not permitted on campus, even in vehicles. MUPD offers a variety of information and options for personal safety and security, as well as storage for weapons, including those used for hunting.

Any object that could potentially inflict injury or cause harm that is used in a threatening, careless or aggressive manner will be considered a weapon, regardless of intent. Possession of any of these items will usually result in termination of the Residential Life contract and permanent removal and prohibition from all Residential Life-owned or -operated facilities.

Nerf™-type guns and water guns may be stored but not used in the residence halls, provided they are designed or clearly marked (e.g., fluorescent markings) so as not to be mistaken for a firearm.

Rationale: Although personal protection is a concern and some weapons have other uses, the potential danger weapons present through misuse or accidental use is significant.

Weights in Student Rooms

Hand weights (not to exceed 25 pounds) are allowed but should be used in a manner that does not disturb others or damage facilities. Failure to remove weights upon request may result in conduct charges. Residents interested in lifting weights are encouraged to visit the Student Recreation Complex.

Rationale: Weights are heavy and can damage floors. Even careful use of weights can create a disruptive noise and interfere with other residents' rights to sleep and study.

Windows and Window Screens

Windows fitted for screens must have screens in place at all times. Window safety stops must be left intact at all times. Hanging, dropping or throwing anything out of an open window or using the window for entry or exit purposes is prohibited (except in case of emergency). Do not unlatch interior or exterior window screens. Room/suite/apartment residents will be charged for the total cost of installing, repairing or replacing damaged or destroyed screens and windows. Damages or costs resulting from items thrown from the window or other violations of this policy will be charged to the resident and will likely result in termination of the Residential Life contract and removal from all Residential Life-owned or -operated facilities.

Rationale: Windows without screens may present a serious safety hazard to residents of the room/suite/apartment and allow unwanted pests inside. Objects thrown from windows present a safety hazard to others. Unlatched exterior screens can fall or blow off and be damaged or cause personal injury.