



Housing Handbook 2020–2021

Welcome to Portland State University and to your home for the 20-21 academic year! Whether you are a new or returning student-it is my pleasure to welcome you to our beautiful campus. It will be an academic and engagement experience like you have never seen before. COVID-19 has brought with it many challenges and opportunities to grow as a department to support student success. The health and safety of all residents is the utmost priority of University Housing & Residence Life. Due to the on-going pandemic, our normal operations and services may look different than they have in the past. Please know that we remain open and committed to serving our residential population and that this requires both residents and Housing staff to approach our services through means that support physical distancing measures and other methods to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This may look like temporary closures or restrictions of common spaces, restricted hours for certain offices, and face coverings requirements while in our residential communities.

Our mission is your success. We provide many avenues to become acquainted with people from different backgrounds, provide programs and activities to get involved, and support your academic pursuits through our residential student support programs while in a remote environment. By taking advantage of these opportunities, you will have the chance to grow as a person. Students who report the highest satisfaction on campus are those who engage with their community. Through your active involvement, you can have an impact on the success of your community. I strongly encourage you to become involved in programs and activities or join your Hall Council!

The professional staff and student leaders in our department are here to provide you with exceptional customer service and support throughout your experience at Portland State. We have positions that live in our communities and provide 24/7 support.

In this Housing Handbook, we offer an overview of the services and processes that will help you navigate your living experience in our residence halls and apartments. Our processes are put into place to create a safe, secure, educational and purposeful living environment. Please get to know our services and seek out a staff member or student leader to help you with any questions.

Wishing you a successful year!



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The Mission of University Housing and Residence Life (UHRL)

As champions of the student experience, our mission is to provide a unique living experience in Portland's urban environment through actively engaged residential communities that promote student success.



Portland State University's mission is to enhance the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic qualities of urban life by providing access throughout the lifespan to a quality liberal education for undergraduates and an appropriate array of professional and graduate programs especially relevant to metropolitan areas. The university conducts research and community service that support a high quality educational environment and reflect issues important to the region. It actively promotes the development of a network of educational institutions to serve the community.

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Our Buildings

Blackstone

Easily recognizable for its 1931 architecture, Blackstone occupies a prominent place on the Park Blocks, a city park that runs through the heart of campus. It is located between the Millar Library and our Montgomery Court residence hall.

Blumel

Blumel offers one bedroom apartments with kitchens and bathrooms. This nine-story building contains a parking garage and a large lounge. The building is LEED O+M certified.

Broadway

Broadway is Silver LEED Certified, which recognizes that it was built and is maintained with environmentally friendly practices. The first floor consists of retail space. The second floor has classrooms, a computer lab open from 7:00am to midnight, and the Housing and Residence Life office. Broadway houses the First Year Experience as well as upper class students.

King Albert

King Albert was built in 1918. On the ground floor is University Success – West (The UHRL after-hours academic resource center for upper class students). The University Success- West location is physically closed for Fall term. [University Success programs and services.](#)

Montgomery

Montgomery was built in 1910, making it the oldest building on campus. The first floor is home to the Service Desk and Residence Hall Association office.

Ondine

Ondine was known as Viking Hall when it opened in 1967. It became a residence hall for women in the 1970s and the name was changed to Ondine. Ondine houses the First Year Experience program on lower floors and upper class students on higher floors. Each unit has a private bathroom on floors 3–9. On floors 10-15, every two units share a bathroom and a kitchen. Victor's Dining Hall and a convenience store is located on the first floor. University Success -- East (The UHRL after-hours academic resource center for first year students) and academic classrooms can be found on the second floor of Ondine. The University Success- East location is physically closed for Fall term. [University Success programs and services.](#)

St. Helens

This five-story building on Montgomery Street was built in 1928. It wraps around a secret garden tucked behind the Simon Benson House. It reopened in 2019 after a complete remodel as home to the Second Year Experience program.

Stephen Epler

Named for the founder of Portland State University – Dr. Stephen Epler. Epler is home to studio units, including the Urban Honors community. There are three classrooms and academic offices on the first floor. Epler is Silver LEED Certified and opened in 2003.

Staff

Administrative Services

The University Housing and Residence Life Main Office is located in Broadway 210. The Housing Office offers assistance and information about all aspects of Housing including housing contract information, rates, room changes, check-in/check-out, ADA accommodations (in collaboration with the Disability Resource Center), billing appeals, staff and programs, maintenance, and other housing concerns. In addition to our Main Office and Maintenance staff, Housing and Residence Life employs in-hall staff, listed below, who are available for you most directly in your residence hall.

Residence Directors

Residence Directors (RDs) are full-time professional staff members who assist in supervising the student leaders within Residence Life or provide leadership for one of the UHRL residential programs. Residence Directors are responsible for assisting in the implementation of the UHRL mission for a specific area of campus, residential education, community development, crisis management, student conduct, and community operations.

Student Leaders

UHRL has multiple student leader positions whose primary objectives are to build inclusive communities, provide academic assistance, serve as resources for referral to university programs and support systems, as well as provide peer-to-peer help in students' transition to living on-campus. Student leaders are mandated reporters and thus cannot hold information shared with them in confidentiality. They are trained to keep information private and to report up to the professional staff members of the Housing department

Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants (RAs) are full-time students who live in residence to provide resources and assistance that will make each residence hall community a place that supports and enhances your success. RAs receive intensive training on campus resources, academic procedures, listening, roommate troubles, facilities issues, and many other topics. Residents may contact their RA at any time for help. RAs also provide a variety of programming initiatives to make connections between residents on their floor, in their building and across residential areas.

Learning Community Assistants

Learning Community Assistants (LCAs) live on floors of the First Year Experience (FYE) program to provide additional academic and social support to first-year students. LCAs are responsible for the development and implementation of First Year Experience programs with specific goals supporting diversity, critical thinking, and service learning. LCAs are responsible for providing programs, resources, and assistance that will support and enhance a global perspective, civic responsibility, and academic success. The LCAs are well-trained in Residence Life procedures, listening, and available campus resources. Residents should feel free to discuss any issues concerning their housing or academic experience with the LCA.

Resident Academic Mentor

The RAM is responsible for fostering a supportive learning environment for academic and personal success in the residence halls, and for providing leadership, information, and resources to residents. Resident Academic Mentors provide valuable experiences for residents that retain and support students through graduation and promote achievement, character development, academic engagement and independence. The RAMs supplement the Resident Assistants living on the floor by providing more extensive

academic resources and in depth individual and group academic attention. A RAM is a full-time student at Portland State University who lives within the residence halls and acts as a role model and representative of the residence hall community, University Housing & Residence Life, and other administrative departments within the University.

Getting Involved

Student leadership opportunities include Resident Assistants, Learning Community Assistants, Resident Academic Mentors (see prior page), as well as the positions on this page. Find more information on our [Employment](#) page.

Office/Front Desk/Montgomery Service Desk Staff

A variety of student office/front desk staff positions exist within Housing and Residence Life. Their primary role is to provide excellent customer service and support the functions of the department.

Residential Leadership & Engagement Center (ReLEC)

We have a team of Student Engagement Ambassadors who help manage our front desk operations, promote student engagement opportunities, and connect people to campus resources that will aid residents in their quest to get involved at Portland State.

Residence Hall Association

The voice of on-campus residents, the Residence Hall Association (RHA) is the student government for residents of Portland State University. Opportunities for involvement include being an Executive Board member or a hall/area council member. Eight dollars of your housing charges each term are deposited into an RHA programming fund to sponsor activities within the residence halls, improve the residential experience, support leadership development, and attend student leadership conferences.

National Residence Hall Honorary

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is a national organization that encourages outstanding contributions to student leadership, academic success, community service, and recognition within the residence halls. Twenty percent of RHA's programming budget is allocated to NRHH for programming in the residence halls, conference attendance, and community service and recognition efforts within the residence halls.

University Success

University Success Office Assistants work directly with our in-hall academic support centers, providing superior customer service and support to students using the space. Some of the duties include checking in students to the center, answering the phone and email, as well as being a resource to students related to academics, the PSU campus, and the Portland community.

Housing Ambassadors

The Housing Ambassadors are residents who assist during on- and off- campus marketing efforts, by drawing upon their actual resident experiences in order to tell their story of living on-campus at PSU. Housing Ambassadors inform and enlighten current and prospective students and/or their families by providing individualized customer service, personal housing tours, and information.

Marketing Support

We periodically hire for student Social Media Manager and Graphic Designer positions.

Summer Housing and Conferences

Portland State University's Summer Housing and Conferences program offers affordable and convenient housing options in Downtown Portland! We serve summer conference groups, summer camps, interns, and visiting students. We hire student staff for customer service and program operations positions that support the Summer Housing and Conferences program.

Services

COVID-19 Notice

Due to the on-going pandemic, our normal operations and services may look a bit different than they have in the past. Please know that we remain open and committed to serving our residential population and that this requires both residents and Housing staff to approach our services through means that support physical distancing measures. This may include temporary closures or restrictions of common spaces, restricted hours for certain offices, face covering requirements while in our residential communities, restricted mail/package acceptance, limited service desk hours, etc. Please refer to our [Housing website](#) for the most up-to-date information on our services.

Montgomery Service Desk

The Montgomery Service Desk is in Montgomery Hall at 1802 SW 10th Avenue. The desk provides these services:

- Temporary key check-out, access badges, carts, and other equipment
- Package receipt and notification
- A place to report maintenance concerns
- University Housing and Residence Life information and referral
- Customer service, responding to questions, and directing students as needed

University Housing and Residence Life students are employed at the Resident Services Desk. Feel free to contact the Desk with any questions you may have. The Montgomery Service Desk is open. Holiday and break hours will vary. [Please see our website for up to date hours.](#) The Montgomery Service Desk phone number is (503) 725-4385.

Mail

Upon check-in, you will receive a key for your mailbox, located in or near the front lobby of your building. Mail is delivered through the US Postal Service to this mailbox. The Montgomery Service Desk does not have access to your mailbox. **If your name is not written in your mailbox, the United States Postal Service (USPS) will not deliver mail to the box. Please take a moment when you move in to write your name on a slip of paper and tape it to the inside of your mailbox.** Please direct all issues related to your mail delivery, except for lost mailbox keys, to the United States Post Office – Forest Park Station located at 1706 NW 24th Ave.

The United States Postal Service recognizes these addresses as the proper mailing address for each hall. Please use the following format when having mail addressed to you.

First Name Last Name

Street number and Street Name

Room/Apt Number

Portland, OR 97201

Example for student in Broadway 316:

Suzie Student

625 SW Jackson St

#316

Portland, OR 97201

Blackstone Hall

Blumel Hall

Broadway Hall

King Albert Hall

Montgomery Hall

Ondine Hall

St. Helens Hall

Epler Hall

1831 SW Park Avenue

1705 SW 11th Avenue

625 SW Jackson Street

1809 SW 11th Avenue

1802 SW 10th Avenue

1912 SW 6th Avenue

1131 SW Montgomery Street

1136 SW Montgomery Street

Packages

Package deliveries from major carriers (FedEx, USPS, UPS, Amazon, DHS) are accepted on the resident's behalf at the Montgomery Service Desk. **Packages addressed to residents not listed on a current housing contract may be returned to the sender.** Packages addressed to a nickname or alias will be returned if the name preference has not been submitted to the UHRL Office. The desk will send a notification of the package with your package number via your pdx.edu email account. Package pick-up is available during desk hours. Please bring your photo ID, as it is required for any package pick-up. Packages not claimed within twelve days may be returned to the sender.

Certain items cannot be received at the Montgomery desk, such as alcohol, tobacco, items that require refrigeration including some medications, as well as other perishable items. We will accept flowers. Students seeking delivery of items we cannot accept should contact the delivery source to plan for how to ship and receive such items. Items delivered that cannot be accepted may be denied and returned to the sender.

Laundry

Laundry machines and service are provided in each building for the exclusive use of residents in your building. The laundry machines operate on laundry cards you "load" with money at one of the "add-value" stations located on campus: Montgomery lobby, Ondine lobby, Broadway 2nd floor, Blumel 1st floor (Blumel residents only). The machines accept Visa and MasterCard, with a minimum transaction of \$5. A laundry card can be purchased from the Ondine and Montgomery stations for \$2.50. There is no additional fee for re-loading a card.

During this pandemic, we have limited all laundry rooms to either 1 or 2 people at a time. Please follow the posted occupancy notices posted in each laundry room.

In order to help us properly maintain the washers and dryers, please follow these simple guidelines:

- Immediately notify the 24-hour service line listed on the laundry equipment in case of any malfunction. Please be specific: provide the vendor with the unit number of the machine that is not functioning properly and the nature of the problem.
- Carefully follow the directions listed on the front of the machine.
- Check that the lint screens on the dryers are clean and in place.
- Every machine has a load limit. Exceeding this limit reduces the quality of your wash and adds to your drying time.
- Do not leave your laundry unattended.

Common Areas

Use of common areas is contingent on adherence to applicable noise policy and building/area regulations (prohibition of alcohol, etc.) Lounges in Blumel, Montgomery, and Ondine Halls will not be available for reservation as they have in prior years due to the need for physical distancing and the temporary occupancy limits of these spaces. Common area space may not be used for any commercial purpose. Misuse of a common area or removal of furniture from a common area will warrant warnings, fines, and/or loss of future rights to common areas. All residents must follow the posted occupancy limits of each common area in all residence hall facilities.

Parking

Parking is limited on campus. Housing residents may purchase permits through Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS). Residents are not guaranteed a parking permit; they are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about parking, contact TAPS, at 503-725-3442 or visit them at the 1st floor of the ARSC. Housing is not responsible for the maintenance, surveillance or upkeep of parking lots or garages. Any vandalism or other illegal activity that has occurred in any parking lots or parking garages should be reported to CPSO and TAPS.

Garbage

After you have recycled what you can, please throw your garbage away in the proper receptacle. No organic items of any sort should be washed down drains. The subsequent clogged drain may cause damage for which you may be held financially responsible. You should empty your garbage regularly to keep everyone's living environment clean and pest-free. Garbage chutes are located on each floor in Blumel and Broadway Halls. Garbage dumpsters are located outdoors near all other buildings. All large items that you no longer want (including furniture) should also be placed in the dumpster. Please note that all garbage chutes and dumpsters are inaccessible during the move-in and move-out periods.

Pest Control

You may request pest control service by completing a work order if you notice pests in your unit. In most cases, this service is provided free of charge. You will be asked to prepare your unit/room for the pest control contractor. If you request treatment of your unit and do not prepare it properly, you may be charged up to \$200. **When necessary, entire buildings or floors are treated for pests. These "clean outs" require that all units be treated at the same time to ensure effectiveness.** All units will be serviced at least once a year for pests. If a problem or potential problem is noted, you may be required to have your unit treated by our pest control contractor and/or clean up any pest-attracting problems. Failure to comply with cleaning or treatment requirements may result in a charge up to \$200 or termination of your housing contract.

Campus wired and wireless network access, Internet, and Web Communities

Residents are prohibited from operating any device that provides its own wireless network that is not connected to PSU's Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi is a shared medium; any device operating on the same frequency as other Wi-Fi devices will result in degraded performance for both of them. Some non-Wi-Fi devices can also cause severe interference with Wi-Fi devices operating on the same frequencies. Wi-Fi operates on the 2.4 and 5 GHz frequency bands. Devices on other wireless bands do not cause direct interference with Wi-Fi and are not prohibited.

If a device has been configured to connect to PSU's Wi-Fi as a client, then it is permitted. Configuring devices to have a direct Wi-Fi connection to another Wi-Fi device is prohibited. If the device is capable of providing a Wi-Fi network but it has been disabled, then the device is permitted. Disabled means turned off completely, (Not reduced power or just turning off SSID beacons [Hidden]).

Potentially problematic devices include: wireless speakers (Google Home, Amazon Echo, etc.), wireless headphones, wireless cameras, and cordless phones. These devices are not explicitly prohibited, except as identified above (Direct connections, private Wi-Fi networks, etc.). If the devices are found to cause disruptions to the Wi-Fi service, they must be removed or turned off.

Prohibited devices include: Wi-Fi printers (operating in non-client mode), Wi-Fi remote controls (Roku, Amazon Fire, etc.), Wi-Fi enabled routers, devices with wireless Internet connection sharing enabled, ad-hoc wireless networks, point-to-point wireless networks, Wi-Fi hotspot, cell phone with Wi-Fi hotspot or wireless Internet connection sharing enabled, malfunctioning Wi-Fi devices and any other device providing a Wi-Fi network or that may interfere with Wi-Fi networks.

Wired network switches and hubs are not permitted on PSU's network. The network infrastructure will automatically identify switches and will turn off the network jack.

Wired network routers are allowed on PSU's network, so long as it has no wireless capability or the wireless capability has been completely turned off.

Residents are prohibited from operating any web or file servers on PSU's network.

Devices found to be in violation of these policies are automatically identified by the Office of Information Technology. Severe or repeated violations may result in student conduct charges. PSU reserves the right to confiscate these devices as well.

Use of internet and computers on campus are contingent upon adherence to applicable user policies for Housing, Student Conduct Code, and the PSU [Computer and Network Acceptable Use Policy](#). High-speed internet is provided in all housing facilities. A computer lab is available to all PSU students in Broadway. Wireless internet service is offered in every residence hall.

Social media and web communities provide opportunities to interact with friends and an expansive cyber community of new people. Please remember that your information is accessible to everyone, including University personnel. While UHRL does not monitor information on any website, we act upon information that may violate housing policy and/or the Student Conduct Code. PSU expects students to be positive members of the college community, and that community extends to your online presence.

Lost and Found

The University does not assume responsibility for personal items that are lost, misplaced, or stolen from within housing communities. For your safety and to prevent the loss of property, do not prop building doors open; keep your room doors and windows locked even when you are at home. Please contact the Campus Public Safety Office if you lose or find an item. CPSO provides a lost and found service and should be contacted immediately to report any lost or stolen items.

Personal Information

It is important for you to know that a significant amount of your personal directory information is considered public. PSU's [Office of the Registrar](#) can assist you with managing the confidentiality of your personal information.

Posting Regulations

Announcements and publicity items for the Montgomery desk, lobby, and/or floor bulletin boards must be submitted to the Housing and Residence Life Main Office for approval prior to posting. PSU Departmental sponsored publicity items should have an educational purpose and/or connection to the university mission in order to be approved. Non-PSU related publicity will not be approved.

All posted materials within University Housing and Residence Life:

1. Must be approved by UHRL staff. Contact the University Housing and Residence Life Main office in Broadway 210 to seek approval for posting.
2. Must have a removal date no longer than two weeks out.
3. Materials will be removed every two weeks or after the event has taken place, whichever is first.
4. May be posted only in designated areas.
5. Must list the sponsoring organization or individual.
6. Is subject to rejection for posting content.

All posters and publicity items must be dropped off at the Housing and Residence Life Main Office for approval and if approved will be posted by UHRL staff within three days.

Information that may not be posted anytime or anyplace:

1. Materials mentioning alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana or implying their use.
2. Materials concerning establishments whose primary purpose is the sale of alcohol, tobacco, or marijuana.
3. Materials that are obscene, profane, or vulgar.

Posting that does not follow all the above regulations will be taken down and forwarded to UHRL staff for possible disciplinary action.

Music Practice Rooms

We do not allow musical instruments to be played in the common areas of the residence halls due to the noise impact on the community. Music practice rooms are provided in Lincoln Hall. Arrangements can be made through the Music department to use these rooms. Non-music majors currently must pay a fee to use the practice rooms.

Utilities

Electricity, water, heat, sewer, trash, phone, and internet service are included in the rates billed for UHRL charges.

Storage

UHRL does not provide any additional storage space.

Environmental Stewardship

PSU is committed to stewardship of our environment and cultivating a culture of sustainability within the campus community and we want to encourage you to do your part. By preventing waste and using energy and water efficiently, you can help preserve precious natural resources and have a positive impact on the ecological well-being of your residential community. Energy efficiency and resource conservation are to reduce our impact on the environment and save money. You can help lower the cost of utilities by promoting efficient practices. This may also reduce our overhead costs, which in turn could affect housing rates.

Your Actions Matter, Help Do Your Part

The following are some simple, practical tips to help you make a difference while living on campus:

- Turn off or unplug lights, stereos, computers, TVs, and appliances when you are not using them. Instead of brightly lighting an entire room, focus light where you need it. Study with a desk lamp instead of overhead lights. Take advantage of natural light by adjusting your blinds throughout the day.
- Activate power management settings (sleep) on computers, monitors, and printers.
- Recycle your paper, bottles, and cans. UHRL provides several convenient recycling locations in or near our buildings. Please remember to rinse containers thoroughly!
- Turn off running water as often as possible while doing household chores, such as brushing your teeth, washing dishes, or shaving.
- Try shortening your shower. Turn off water while shampooing/conditioning your hair.
- Purchase high post-consumer recycled content paper products, refillable pens, remanufactured toner cartridges, and rechargeable batteries.
- Use durables and reusables in your kitchen and for when you're on the go.
- During the winter months, open your window coverings (blinds or drapes) to let in the sun during the day and close them at night to keep the heat in.
- Wash clothes in cold water. Run the washing machine only when it is full. Look for non-toxic or least toxic laundry detergents and bathroom/kitchen cleaning products.
- Use your compost bin!

Our Part

PSU is doing our part to prevent waste and conserve resources. We have installed low-flow showerheads wherever possible. Our newly built buildings are LEED™ certified and designed and constructed to minimize the use of energy, water, and other natural resources. If you have suggestions about ways to better conserve resources or support environmental stewardship, please share it with a member of our staff.

Health and Safety

Covid-19 Notice

The health and Safety of all residents is the utmost priority of University Housing & Residence Life. Due to the on-going pandemic, there may be additional protocol and social-distancing measures that residents and staff may need to implement and adhere to. Please refer to our [Housing website](#) for the most up-to-date information on Covid-19 Health and Safety needs.

Emergency Situations

In an emergency, the Campus Public Safety Office (CPSO) can be reached at (503) 725-4404. The CPSO non-emergency phone number is (503) 725-4407.

Contacting the Resident Assistant (RA) On-Call

An RA is available on call for situations that need staff response, but may not need Emergency Response. The RA on-call is available 5:00pm to 9:00am on weekdays and 24-hours a day on weekends, holidays, and extended closure periods. The RA On-Call carries a cell phone and is immediately accessible at the following numbers:

Broadway	971-246-1599
Ondine	971-246-1598
Blumel Hall, St. Helens	971-246-1387
King Albert, Stephen Epler, Blackstone, Montgomery	971-246-1388

These numbers are subject to change. Any changes in duty phone information will be communicated as quickly and efficiently as possible to residents, which would likely include emails to pdx.edu email addresses.

Between 9:00am and 5:00pm, staff assistance is available through the Montgomery Desk and the Housing and Residence Life Student Services Office (Broadway 210). The Montgomery Desk continues service until midnight.
*COVID-19 restrictions may affect these hours.

Security Cameras

To enhance safety and security efforts within the halls, a security camera may be placed in a hall, lobby, or other public area. To ensure personal privacy, the cameras are located and record data only in areas that are considered public within UHRL and PSU spaces. While many of these areas are off limits to non-residents and their guests, they are areas that people would not expect to be private (cameras are NOT placed in restrooms, student rooms, etc.)

These cameras are not continuously monitored but are intended to be used to investigate actions, behaviors, or incidents. If issues arise and images are needed to address property damage or personal security concerns, the Campus Public Safety Office is the coordinating agency assigned to control access to that information.

Personal Safety

Taking responsibility for your personal safety is imperative in a community living environment. Although the RAs do rounds at night and Campus Public Safety officers are available, you need to take action to safeguard yourself. Please abide by the following list of safety measures:

- First of all, remember this is your home.
- Do not allow non-residents to enter the building or use elevators to access the private living areas. Ask if they are a resident if you do not know. If that is hard for you to do, contact Public Safety to let them know you think a non-resident has accessed the building.
- Carry your keys at all times.
- Lock your door even if you are merely going down the hall.
- Do not lend your keys to anyone.
- Do not prop/hold open elevator doors for an extended period of time.
- Avoid walking alone at night. Walk with a friend or call Campus Public Safety at (503) 725-4407 to be escorted.
- Avoid parking or walking in unlit areas.
- Do not prop open interior or exterior doors.
- Do not use the accessible button to open front doors unless necessary.
- Report any non-locking doors and windows to the Montgomery Desk or RA On-Call immediately.
- Report any unsafe or suspicious items or persons to the Montgomery Desk, RA On-Call, or Campus Public Safety.
- Do not attach bikes or other items to stairwell railings.
- Do not store items in hallways or obstruct doorways.

Covid-19 Specific Personal Safety

- Follow all applicable University policies and protocols related to Covid-19. These include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Wear a face mask or face covering at all times while in your residence hall and dining facility (hallways, elevators, stairwells, etc) in accordance with the [PSU Face Coverings Policy](#).
 - Keep six feet apart from others when indoors. Please see [PSU's Physical Distancing Guidelines](#).
 - Wash your hands and sanitize frequently throughout the day, including when you return to your room.
 - Common areas have restricted occupancy or are closed. Abide by the posted distancing directions.
 - Elevators have limited capacity. Follow directions posted.
- **COVID-19 Daily Self-Check.** Residents need to do a daily self check for COVID-19. Refer to [PSU's COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist](#). If you are feeling unwell and might be experiencing any of the Covid-19 related symptoms, contact Student Health and Counseling to speak to their medical staff. Symptoms referenced by the Center for Disease Control include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

COVID-19 Specific Medical Safety Protocol

If you are feeling unwell and might be experiencing any of the Covid-19 related symptoms, please contact SHAC to speak to their medical staff. University Housing & Residence Life has set-up quarantine space for any resident who may feel as though they need to separate themselves for a period of time as directed by medical professionals. Please see the [UHRL COVID-19 Protocols](#) for detailed information on our procedures when working with COVID-19 cases.

Emergency Blue Phones

Emergency Blue Phones are available throughout campus for a direct emergency line to the Campus Public Safety Office. These phones, once activated, automatically let the dispatcher know the location from which you are calling. Elevators in residential buildings are also equipped with direct-line calling buttons to Campus Public Safety.

Fire Alarm Evacuation

When you hear the fire alarm, you must leave the building immediately. Do not use the elevators. Fire drills are held at least once per term, during which every resident **MUST** exit the building and convene at the designated evacuation location.

If you see or detect a fire or any reason to evacuate, pull the handle on the nearest red fire alarm station in the hallway (smoke from a fire activates the overhead detection system in Blumel Hall). Do not attempt to fight the fire yourself. Use the nearest safe, smoke-free stairwell marked "EXIT." If you cannot find a safe exit, stay in your unit and make yourself obvious at the window for firefighters below. If you feel you must open a window, first place damp sheets or towels in the door crevices that open to the fire or smoky area to avoid fueling the fire.

Covid-19 Specific Fire Alarm Evacuation

Just like any other time prior to the pandemic, it is important to remain calm and exit the facility at the nearest exit, even if that exit is normally marked as an emergency exit. If possible, keep your mask on at all times. Once outside, you will make your way to the designated safety zone. Please be sure to keep a safe 6ft of distance from other people as you wait for further instruction.

Notification of Medical Issues

In order to better service and provide assistance in potential emergency situations, University Housing and Residence Life asks that residents disclose any relevant medical information. Please speak with your Residence Director about your medical issue or send an email to housing@pdx.edu to have this information recorded for your profile. Medical information that may be relevant includes but is not limited to: allergies that can lead to anaphylactic response, conditions that may require additional support or assistance during emergency evacuations (fire, earthquake), conditions that require refrigerated medication or hypodermic needles. Residents should be aware that this information is a backup for emergency purposes only; University Housing and Residence Life does not provide medical care and providing this information is not a substitute for appropriate self-management of medical conditions. For safety reasons, students who must use hypodermic needles or other skin piercing tools must dispose of them in a properly labeled, puncture-resistant, leak-proof container.

All residents should be aware of the potential dangers of communicable diseases being spread in any area of high population density such as a residence hall. Residents should inform a staff member of any suspected or actual cases of contagious diseases such as hepatitis, meningitis, or chicken pox. Residents are encouraged, though not required, to be vaccinated against meningitis, hepatitis, and other diseases. Your medical professional or the Student Health and Counseling Center on campus can advise you on these decisions.

Disability Accommodation Requests

Students with disability accommodation and service requests should contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at (503) 725-4150 or by email at drc@pdx.edu.

Earthquake Preparedness

The city of Portland lies in an area with a potential for earthquakes. The best protection from an earthquake is good preparation. In the event of a major earthquake, you should be aware that professional emergency services may be limited. You should be prepared to survive at least 72 hours on your own. [The City of Portland Emergency management website](#) provides some helpful information about local emergency resources.

The following tips for earthquake preparedness should be helpful in the event that an earthquake does occur:

Preparation for an Earthquake

- Identify hazards in places where you spend most of your time: heavy objects on high shelves, tall bookcases that could fall over, etc. Know danger areas such as windows, skylights, brick walls, and furniture. Remove such hazards and do not place objects above your bed.
- Identify areas in each room that are safer during an earthquake: under tables or desks, or against inside walls and supported doorways.
- Know the location of stairways. Do not use elevators in an earthquake.
- Gather adequate emergency supplies to last at least 72 hours. A battery-powered radio, flashlights, extra batteries, canned food, bottled water (one gallon a day per person), first aid kit, and extra supplies of any medications you take.
- Locate fire extinguishers and learn how to use them.
- Develop a personal communication plan and choose a location to unite with family members or friends should you be separated.

During an Earthquake

- STAY CALM.
- If you are inside, stay inside. Take refuge in a hallway or door frame, or get under well-secured furniture to reduce the chance of being hit by breaking glass or falling objects. DUCK, COVER, AND HOLD ON.
- If you are outdoors, get in an open area away from buildings, power lines, and trees.
- Be prepared for the lighting system to fail within seconds of an earthquake.

After an Earthquake

- Check everyone for injuries. Apply first aid as necessary.
- Be prepared for aftershocks. Although they are usually milder than the initial shock they can still cause additional damage.
- Wear shoes at all times. There could be broken glass, etc.
- Do not smoke or light a match unless you are certain there is no natural gas leakage.
- Do not use elevators until qualified personnel have inspected them for safety.
- Do not use your phones unless there is a life-threatening emergency.
- Turn on your radio for basic instructions and other information.

Building Emergencies

Occasionally, there may be a problem with a building system (building system emergency) after regular business hours that will cause a significant amount of damage if left unattended. Your first contact in an after hours building system emergency is an RA. If your RA is unreachable, you should call the RA On-Call cell phone at the number posted in your building and near your RA's door. The RA will contact the appropriate personnel to fix the problem. If the building system emergency happens during business hours, contact the Housing Office at 503-725-4375 or CPSO at 503-725-4407.

Examples of building system emergencies include:

- Security problems (doors will not lock, ground level windows broken)
- Broken common area glass or collapsed wall
- Roof leaks (major leaks posing potential damage to the building or residents' property).
- Fire system or equipment does not work
- Activated building sprinkler
- Exposed wiring

- No heat in the room (after checking to see if radiator/baseboard/fan is turned on.); no heat in building; no hot water
- Water flow causing damage to the building or to resident's property; resident cannot use their toilet for an extended time (greater than 12 hours when alternative facilities are not available)
- Water or waste line is broken; no water

*Contacts, earrings, and wedding bands down the drain do **NOT** constitute an emergency (though residents should not use the drain until Maintenance personnel can respond).*

Sprinklers, Smoke, and Heat Detectors

Do not attach or hang anything to/from a sprinkler.

Each student should be aware of the sensitivity of the sprinklers, smoke detectors, and heat detectors that are present in their room or hallways. These can be activated by heat, smoke, water, force, pressure, or sudden shock. When hallway smoke or heat detectors are triggered, they activate the building alarm system alerting residents, Campus Public Safety, and the Fire Department.

Personal Property and Renter's Insurance

The University is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property in University housing facilities due to fire, theft, water, interruption of water or heat, other utility problems, damages caused by other residents, or other causes. **Residents are strongly encouraged to carry personal property or renter's insurance.** Residents are also encouraged to remove all valuable items from the unit during any extended absence.

Check-In

Whether you are transferring rooms or moving in for the first time, Check-In starts at the Montgomery Service Desk. For Fall move-in, please visit our [move-in guide](#) for more specific check-in information and locations. Please bring your PSU ID, or if you do not have that, a government-issued photo ID. In general, we are not able to provide early check-ins. Please prepare to move in at your scheduled check-in date and time. If you need an earlier or later check-in date, contact University Housing and Residence Life immediately. At check-In you will receive:

- Keys: Including room key, mailbox key, and in some buildings, front door, laundry room, lounge, bathroom, or bike room keys.
- Room Condition Report: This records the condition of your room upon Check-In. See below for more information about Room Condition Reports.
- Welcome Sheet: Please read as it has useful information, such as your phone and mailbox number, where to take your trash and recycling, how to contact your Resident Assistant, and more.

Access Badges

All residential students should acquire and activate a PSU ID card regardless of their residence hall. Please visit ID Services, prior to move-in if possible, to obtain an access badge.

All residence halls require access badges to open the front door and/or operate the elevators or other doors.

Keys, Room Condition Reports, and Checking In

After you are issued the keys for your new room, you will be asked to sign a Room Condition Report. If you would like to make any additions or changes to it, you must do so within 48 hours (two days) of checking in by emailing housing@pdx.edu. Your signature on the Room Condition Report indicates that you have received your keys and take responsibility for the condition of the room. You may be charged for any damages found after your check-out that are not recorded on this form, so pay attention!

Late Arrivals and No-Shows

If you do not check into your assigned room on your scheduled check-in day or by the first day of the term, UHRL may cancel your reservation and offer your assignment to another student. If you are transferring rooms, it is very important that you check in to your new room on time so you can complete your transfer by your scheduled date. Transfer schedules are very important, so be sure to complete your move by the check-out date listed on your assignment notification. **If you need a late/early check-in, contact the UHRL Office as soon as possible.**

Check-Out

Contract Cancellation

Your UHRL contract is a legally binding agreement between you, and PSU/University Housing and Residence Life. If you need to move out of your room or apartment prior to the end of your contract, you must cancel your contract at the UHRL Office before moving out. Moving out without canceling your UHRL contract may result in an Improper Check-Out fee of up to \$100.

Cancellation charges will apply for most contract cancellations. You may petition these charges, but contract cancellation petitions are approved only under rare extenuating circumstances. See your [Terms and Conditions](#) for specific information about contract petitions.

Checking Out

Follow our additional Covid-19 guidelines:

- Maintain physical distance of six feet between yourself and others.
- No more than two individuals may assist you with your move.
- Wear a mask; we will have masks available at the Montgomery Desk and with Residence Life staff should you need one.
- No more than one person (or household) may occupy an elevator at a time.
- Consult the [CDC's How to Protect Yourself](#).
- If you have symptoms of acute respiratory illness (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath), you must stay home and not come to campus until free of symptoms for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine, and 7 days have passed since your symptoms have appeared, as recommended by the [CDC's What To Do if You Are Sick](#). This requirement also applies to anyone helping you move.
- If you are sick, you should notify UHRL and choose an alternate option for collecting your personal belongings.

It is your responsibility to make sure that you complete the Check-Out process and return your keys on your scheduled Check-Out day. Failure to do so may result in an improper Check-Out fee of \$100, lock change fees and housing charges until Check-Out is complete.

Step 1: Either sign up for a Walk-Through or plan to complete an Express Check-Out.

Walk-Through: Walk-Throughs are a good option for residents who believe there may be cleaning or damage charges in their room, and/or know when they plan to have their room cleaned and belongings moved out. During a Walk-Through, RA's will check the room for damages and cleaning needs, while the resident is present. Residents must have their belongings out of the room before a Walk-Through can be completed. Once your walk-through is completed, you must return your keys to the Montgomery Desk. Appointments are required for Walk-Throughs, a minimum of 24 hours in advance, and can be made directly with your RA.

**Walk-Through option is not offered during the Covid-19 pandemic.*

Express Check-Out: Express Check-Outs are a good option for residents who are unsure about the date or time they plan to move out and need extra flexibility. If you choose to complete an Express Check-Out, you will return your keys in an Express Check-Out envelope to the Montgomery Desk (between 9:00am – midnight) or the UHRL Office in 210 Broadway. Staff will complete a Walk-Through of your room after

you have moved out, and you will be unable to appeal any charges for damages or extra cleaning in your room.

**Express Check-Out is the only option offered during the Covid-19 pandemic.*

Step 2: Thoroughly clean your room and remove all garbage and personal belongings. You may not leave items behind to pick up later or for the next occupant to use. Anything remaining in the room will incur charges for removal. Furniture removal will cost \$250 per item.

Step 3: Check out of your room.

If you made a Walk-Through appointment, you will meet an RA at the designated location. You must return your keys to the Montgomery Desk with an RA immediately following your Walk-Through. You will complete all check-out paperwork at this time.

Keys

Failure to return all UHRL issued keys to either the Resident Services Desk in Montgomery or via Express Check-Out in the Broadway 210 Office on your Check-Out date may result in a daily charge for each day you are in possession of your keys past your Check-Out date and/or an \$80 fee for a lock change and a \$100 improper checkout fine.

Room Condition on Check-Out

You are expected to remove all of your belongings from your room and return the room to its original cleanliness prior to Check-Out. Please remember to remove all wall-hangings, nails, and tacks, and turn off all electrical items before you leave. Every unit/room undergoes standard cleaning upon move out to make the room/unit ready for the next resident. Residents will be charged for excessive cleaning in rooms and/or units that require additional work. The additional charges include but are not limited to: each piece of furniture, box, and/or bag removed from the room after check-out. An hourly rate for staff to remove these items may also apply.

UHRL staff will complete a Room Condition Report and compare the room's condition to the condition reported on the Room Condition Report from Check-In. The cost of repairing any damage not recorded on this form at Check-In and for cleaning or repair costs for damage exceeding normal wear and tear will be charged to your Portland State University student account.

Abandoned Goods

It is your responsibility to remove all of your personal belongings when you check out. You will be charged for the removal of any personal belongings, valuables, or unwanted property left in the room. Any personal belongings, valuables, or unwanted property left in the unit or in the building after the expiration of your contract is deemed to be abandoned property and may be retained by the University as its property or may be disposed of by sale, donation, or in such other manner as the University in its sole discretion may determine. Any proceeds derived from the sale of such property will be the property of the University. Additionally, the University is not responsible for items that have been damaged or stolen during the process of moving in or moving out of a room. If you have a roommate, both residents may be charged for abandoned items/damaged property, or fees may be charged solely to the last resident living in the unit.

Changing Rooms

Covid-19 Specific for Changing Rooms Processes

- To help prevent Covid-19 exposure and maintain social distancing, Room Transfers may be limited to only residents with health and safety concerns, financial reasons or other extenuating circumstances. Residents may submit a Room Transfer Request starting the second week of Fall term, but room change options may not become available right away, if at all.

Room Freeze

During the first and last two weeks of Fall and Winter Terms, and all of Spring Term, a Room Freeze will be in effect while UHRL prepares for term Move-In and Move-Out. During a Room Freeze, no room transfer assignments will be made, except in the case of an emergency. Residents may submit Room Transfer and/or Room Swap Requests during this period (after Week 1 of Fall term), however, they will not be processed until after the Room Freeze period is lifted. Room Transfer and Room Swap Requests are not accepted during Spring Term or Summer Term, except in cases of emergency or safety.

Room Transfers & Room Swaps

Room Transfer and Room Swap Requests will be accepted by Housing & Residence Life after each Room Freeze period ends. No room change requests will be accommodated until after the waitlist and/or overload housing has been cleared, except in the case of emergencies.

ROOM SWAPS

**available to all residents; this is the only option available to First Year Experience residents*

1. Identify a resident who is willing to "swap" or trade rooms with you. Be sure to discuss the room swap with your roommate, as well as both residents in the unit to which you wish to transfer.
2. Request a Room Swap Request form from the University Housing & Residence Life office and have all four parties involved in the swap sign the form.
3. After your Room Swap Request has been processed, all four parties will receive an email confirming the swap details. You and the resident with whom you are swapping will need to respond to the Room Swap offer during the response window indicated in the email. If response is not received by both parties, your Room Swap offer will be cancelled.
4. Your assignment will include a room swap timeline to move from your current room to your new room. You and the resident with whom you are swapping will need to complete the move process at the Montgomery Service Desk together. Failure to complete the room swap on time may result in improper check-out fees and charges for lock changes.

ROOM TRANSFERS

**available to upper class/transfer residents only.*

1. Request a Room Transfer Request form from the University Housing & Residence Life office.
2. If further follow-up is recommended, your Residence Director will follow-up with you to discuss your situation and room transfer options.
3. When a room is available, you will receive an email offering a Room Transfer; you will have a limited time to respond and accept the room, or we will give the unit to the next person on our wait list.
4. If you choose to decline the unit offered to you, you will receive another offer when a room is available. If you decline two room assignments, your request will be cancelled.

5. Your assignment will include a room transfer timeline to move from your current room to your new room. You must check out of your current room by the date on your transfer notice. Failure to complete the room transfer on time may result in improper check-out fees and charges for lock changes.

All room transfers and swaps must be approved by UHRL via the process described above. Transferring without UHRL approval may result in a lock change, an improper check out fee of up to \$100, and extra housing charges.

Roommates and Room Capacity

Room Capacity and Unregistered Residents

For building structural and safety reasons, each room type has a designated number of residents it can accommodate. Residents in units exceeding capacity may face contract cancellation and a fee of up to \$250 per unregistered resident, and any unregistered residents may be required to vacate immediately or make other arrangements with UHRL if available. UHRL may exceed these limits to accommodate high demand for housing.

University Housing and Residence Life Occupancy Guidelines

Unit	Maximum Occupants	Maximum Adults	Maximum Children
Sleeper (Single)	1	1	0
Sleeper (Double)	2	2	0
Furnished Studio	3	3	0
Unfurnished Studio	1	1	0
Studio Suite (Single)	1	1	0
Studio Suite (Double)	2	2	0
Unfurnished 1 Bedroom	3	2	2
Furnished 1 Bedroom	3	2	2
Quad	4	4	0
SYE Studio or 1 Bedroom	2	2	0

Adding Roommates

If you would like to add a roommate who is not currently living on campus, you and your proposed roommate should email the UHRL Office to request each other. Your roommate must complete a UHRL contract and be eligible to live on-campus (see *Eligibility*). UHRL reserves the right to deny a roommate request if it does not meet room capacity requirements or appears to be a Room Takeover (see below). If you already have a roommate, you will likely be required to move to a new room with your roommate, as availability allows.

Consolidation

As necessary throughout each term, University Housing and Residence Life may enact a Consolidation Process in order to consolidate vacancies and maximize space availability. During the Consolidation Process, residents in double rooms with vacancies will receive a list of other residents with vacancies in double rooms. The residents are then given approximately one week to choose their own roommate and desired room from the provided list and complete the consolidation move by a specified date. If residents choose not to do so, they will be reassigned by the UHRL Office and will be required to move by the end of the Consolidation period. Failure to comply with a Consolidation move may result in higher housing charges and/or a Policy Violation fee of up to \$100, and/or possible contract cancellation.

Overload Housing & Detripling

Overload (triple) housing is designed to be **temporary**, and as soon as possible students will be moved into a permanent double space. We expect that most students in overload housing during fall term will be able to move to a standard double space by the middle of winter term. Detripling offers will be made to students in the order contracts were received. We will make every attempt to keep students on the same floor as their original unit. We

also know that some students will like their triple unit, often because they like their roommates, and prefer not to move.

When a double or single unit becomes available, we will email the three residents in the unit. All three residents must respond within three days letting us know which resident will be moving to the other unit. If we do not receive a response, that room will move to the bottom of the waitlist to be moved to a double unit.

Please note: If residents in a triple are offered the opportunity to detriple and choose to remain tripled or do not respond to the new assignment, the triple credit will end on the date the offer was extended.

Refusing an Assigned Roommate

Failure to accept and/or creating an unwelcoming or hostile environment for an assigned roommate will result in paying the single rate for the room since the day the vacancy was created. Other student conduct measures may be enacted as a result of this behavior.

Room Takeovers

Due to maintenance and consistency reasons, it is against UHRL policy to allow Room Takeovers. A Room Takeover is any situation in which a student moves into a UHRL room with the intention of remaining in that room after the original resident has left. This includes, but is not limited to, the original resident adding a roommate and then moving out soon thereafter. For this reason, UHRL reserves the right to deny any roommate addition that is suspected to be for the purpose of a Room Takeover. A \$100 housing policy violation fee will be assessed per resident as well as potential reassignment of the remaining resident under the Terms & Conditions of the University Housing and Residence Life Contract.

Day-to-Day Living

Guests

In response to Covid-19 and the University's, Multnomah County's and the State of Oregon's guidance and directive on safe social distancing procedures, there will be a strict no guest policy implemented beginning September 1st of 2020 for the safety of all residential students at Portland State. This includes family members, other students and non-students. In order to provide a safe living environment for all, we will be monitoring this policy and loosening restrictions as further guidance is given by local, regional and state authorities. This policy does not pertain to Care Givers registered through the Housing office. No person is allowed in a particular residence hall unless they live in that hall or are an essential employee of the university, whose work requires they have access to residence hall buildings. Residents of a particular building are not allowed in the rooms of other residents within that same building.

Subletting

UHRL does not allow residents to sublet their room/unit to any person for any length of time.

Courtesy Hours

Courtesy toward others is expected 24 hours a day to provide an environment with a minimum of hindrances to academic pursuits. Students are, therefore, expected to anticipate and respect the needs of other students at all times. Without being asked, residents should curtail, at all times, social or recreational activities that infringe on the rights of their neighbors. It is each resident's responsibility to be willing to confront neighbors and discuss noise issues. The RA student leaders are always willing to assist but may also determine that some noise during courtesy hours is acceptable.

Residents should realize that many UHRL facilities are very old buildings. In some of these buildings, especially those with hardwood floors, sound travels very easily. It may be unreasonable for residents to expect their living environment to be completely free of noise. Residence Life encourages students within the community to engage in dialogue regarding noise on a regular basis. The RA student leaders are available to help confront noise issues, but it is our hope that a relationship is built among neighbors to enable minor complaints to be aired without RA involvement.

Quiet Hours

Minimum residence hall "quiet hours" occur between 10:00pm to 8:00am every day. Portland State University houses a diverse student population and these quiet hours are intentionally set to cater to the needs of sleeping and studying. All other hours are courtesy hours, during which time students are expected to demonstrate consideration for their neighbors.

During quiet hours, any device that produces sound (laptop, bluetooth speaker) should be turned down so they are not heard outside of your room. Communities are encouraged to discuss and determine if an extension of quiet hours is desired.

Residents who so desire may vote to make quiet hours longer than is officially posted. Communities are not permitted to have quiet hours start any later than 10:00pm. In the case that different quiet hours are agreed upon, all members of a floor or building have been notified of the change, and the Resident Director of the building has approved the change, the quiet hour policy will be adjusted to cover the new hours.

During study week (or the week before finals) and finals, 22 hour quiet hours are in effect. UHRL operates under 22 quiet hours for an optimal study environment. The relief "hours" are from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm each day. Please remember to be courteous at these times as people may still be studying for finals.

Smoking

Smoking or the use or possession of tobacco in the residence halls is prohibited, as it overlaps with standards relating to fire safety, property damage, environmental health, and disruption of the living environment as well as with the Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus Policy. The following actions are prohibited inside any residence hall or anywhere on the PSU campus:

- Smoking or the use or possession of tobacco
- Smoking any substance in any way and/or with any smoking device
- The use of electronic cigarettes or vaporizers
- The use or possession of hookahs
- Creating smoke of any kind by any means

Please be aware that, due to the fire safety and property damage risks, Housing and Residence Life staff may need to key-in to spaces to investigate and resolve potential issues of smoking and smoke in the hall. Additionally, conduct charges and cleaning charges will apply for any room that requires cleaning or odor control due to the detection of smoke odor. Cleaning and deodorizing the room is the responsibility of the resident. If upon later inspection by UHRL staff, the room does not smell clean and deodorized of the smoke smell, the student will be charged for extra cleaning. Fines include a minimum \$250 for burning candles or for smoking tobacco or marijuana.

Theft

Attempted or actual theft of property or services is prohibited. Possession, occupation, or use of stolen property, removal or repossession of university, public, or personal property, decorations, or signage constitutes a violation.

Violations of Federal, State, or Local Laws, or PSU Code of Conduct

It is prohibited to violate federal, state, or local laws. Students violating laws or University Code of Conduct policies not delineated specifically in other housing policies may be found in violation of this policy.

Standards of Residence

This is the name given to the formal set of UHRL Policies which are provided later in this document. As a contract holder, you are expected to understand and adhere to these policies. After reading, discuss any questions with a student leader or staff member.

Living Together Successfully

Living with a roommate requires flexibility and the willingness to communicate in an honest, tactful manner. It may be challenging to share living space at times; schedules, personalities, habits, stresses, and lifestyles vary from person to person. Communication is the key.

One way to help avoid potential conflicts and misunderstandings is to sit down during the first week of living together and discuss your expectations of each other as roommates. By establishing these ground rules early, and by keeping the lines of communication open throughout the year, roommates increase their chances of having a positive experience. Take some time to discuss issues and get everything out in the open; do not let issues build up and get out of control. Sharing your feelings and expectations will help you and your roommate understand and empathize with each other during your University experience.

When conflicts arise, reflecting on these topics and communicating openly can help resolve disputes before they become unsolvable. If you find yourselves faced with a particularly difficult situation, talk with your Resident Assistant. RAs possess knowledge and experience that enable them to work effectively through possible roommate conflicts. If your RA is not able to assist you, they may make a referral so that your concerns are addressed. Listed below are suggested topics to discuss with your roommate(s):

Suggested Roommate Topics for Discussion

- Study habits (times/areas)
- Sleeping habits
- Noise levels (music/TV)
- Security (locking doors/windows)
- Gatherings
- Hygiene/cleaning (how often, by whom) including the regular sanitation necessary during the Covid-19 pandemic of your shared space and bathroom
- Borrowing items
- Mail pick-up
- Pet peeves
- Food (sharing/cooking)
- Room temperature
- Telephone use/taking messages
- Alcohol and other drugs or substances (consumption/values/practices)

Additional Discussion Items

- The way I react to most people when I first meet them is...
- What I would like to tell you about my family and community where I grew up is...
- What I miss most being away from home is...
- My hobbies and interests are...
- The way I would like to decorate our room/unit is...
- Some things I like to spend money on are...
- My greatest pet peeve is...
- When I'd rather be left alone, I will...
- I usually let people know I'm angry by...
- When I'm feeling sad or upset, I usually...
- How do we want to talk about issues that arise in the room?
- Something that always makes me happy is...

Housing Billing and Payments

Find the most current information about [Housing Rates](#).

Paying in your PSU Account

Housing charges for the full academic term are billed to your PSU account prior to the start of each academic term at the same time as tuition and fees. The University will apply any financial aid, scholarships, grants, fee remissions, and other loans to your PSU account to assist in paying those charges.

An email will be sent to your ODIN email account when your statement is ready to view. You can then view your e-bill statement online by logging into myPSU at my.pdx.edu. Students will be able to view their e-bill statement, print their e-bill statement, and go directly to the current web-based payment system to make a payment.

University Housing & Residence life payments should be made directly to the PSU Cashier's Office.

Unfurnished Units

UHRL does not assign roommates to Unfurnished Units; Contracted Residents are responsible for the full cost of Unfurnished Units if their roommate moves out. This means that if you are living in any of these units with a roommate and they move out, your rate will default to the single rate; you will no longer receive the double rate. You must find your own roommate in these units to receive the double rate.

Furnished Units

UHRL assigns roommates to furnished units; Residents are responsible for the published rate based on the occupancy of the Unit. UHRL may designate rooms as single or double occupancy based on UHRL maintenance, capacity, or programmatic needs. The single rate is billed if one person lives in the unit and the double rate is billed to each person when two people live in the unit, even if one person vacates during the course of the contract term.

Family Billing

If you are approved to live with a spouse or domestic partner, you will be charged the double rate for each adult living in the unit. Children and dependent minors may live in the unit at no additional charge. All Housing charges will be applied to the PSU student account for the PSU student on file; if both residents are PSU students each resident will be charged the double rate. Family member paperwork must be filed with the UHRL Student Services Office before an assignment can be made.

Maintenance and Facilities

Room Condition Report

At Check-In, you will receive a Room Condition Report, which is a record of the condition of your room at the time of Move In.

- You have the opportunity to inspect your room/unit and to ensure that the form is accurate. You will be asked to sign this form at the time you check in but can amend it within the next two business days (48 hours) by emailing housing@pdx.edu.
- When you move out, a staff member will perform a walk-through of your room. Any identified damages beyond normal wear and tear not previously noted on the Room Condition Report will be assumed to have occurred during your residency and you will be charged for the repairs. If no one claims responsibility, all roommates/residents will be billed equally.

Lock-outs

If you lock yourself out of your room/unit, you can go to the Montgomery Service Desk. After regular business hours, you should call the RA on-call phones to gain access to your room/unit. During hours the Montgomery Service Desk is open, you may temporarily check out a set of keys to let yourself into your Unit. Temporary keys are distributed for 30 minutes; returning keys after the deadline is subject to additional fees and/or a lock change charge. Please note that temporary keys will not be checked out 30 minutes prior to the desk closing. The first lock-out by the desk will be free of charge; every additional lock-out carries a \$10 fee. If you lock yourself out when the Montgomery Desk is closed, there is always a \$10 fee due to the response of staff during the hours of sleep and study. After three lock-outs within a 30-day time period, the behavior may be documented and subject to disciplinary action.

Maintenance Problems

All maintenance problems should be reported as soon as they are discovered. If you have a maintenance problem in your room/unit, please complete a Maintenance Request online through your Housing Portal Login. If you have a maintenance emergency, please visit Montgomery Desk during operation hours, call the Resident Assistant On-Call number, or contact a Housing or Residence Life staff member immediately.

Maintenance staff typically work from 8:00am to 4:30pm on weekdays and are on-call for emergency requests after hours for more serious problems, such as heat problems or overflowing toilets. The Maintenance department strives to respond to resident work requests within 24 hours. The earlier in the day that a problem is reported, the more likely our staff will be able to provide same-day service. If you need assistance entering a work order request, contact the University Housing and Residence Life Main Office, a Residence Life team member, or visit the Montgomery Desk.

On occasion, Maintenance staff may need to enter your room/unit to perform maintenance that is not the result of a maintenance request. If you are not present while the work is being done, a notice will be left by Maintenance staff explaining why they entered your room/unit and the services they performed.

From time to time, the Maintenance staff may request a resident to prepare their room/unit for a facilities upgrade. If a resident fails to prepare the room/unit adequately, Maintenance staff may prepare the room/unit in order for the work to be completed. Maintenance staff will not be responsible for loss and/or damage to resident's personal property during the preparation.

Please Note: Maintenance and other staff always knock and announce themselves before entering a room/unit. Maintenance staff members are easy to recognize by their name badge. As an employee of the Housing Department, Maintenance staff may report policy violations for adjudication through our student conduct process.

Damage Billing and Charges

Residents will be billed for parts and labor associated with negligent or intentional damages. You will be charged for any evident damages or alterations in your unit at the time of your Move Out that were not indicated on the Room Condition Report at Check-In.

All repairs to the facilities must be performed by Housing personnel. If your room/unit is damaged, DO NOT attempt to make repairs yourself! Your work may not meet standards, could be a safety risk, and you will be charged for the cost of correcting repairs done by unauthorized persons. If you lose, damage, or steal residential property (i.e., furniture, window coverings, carpets, etc.), even accidentally, you will be billed for it.

Community Damage Billing

Vandalism, destruction, and/or theft of property may result in student conduct charges. Additionally, any charges from hall/building vandalism that cannot be traced back to a specific individual will be equally distributed to the residents of that floor/building/area. Each resident is financially responsible for the restitution of community damage caused by unidentified persons. Please encourage your neighbors to refrain from vandalism, which affects everyone in the community.

Lost Key Charges

If your keys are lost or stolen, immediately contact the Montgomery Desk during desk hours or call the RA on-call after hours. Housing Maintenance will change your locks in order to ensure your personal safety, as well as that of your roommate(s). If you require a lock change, you will be charged for replacement, regardless of the reason for the lock change.

When you move out, you must return all keys that have been checked out to you during your residency. If you are missing keys upon moving out, you will be charged for a lock change (see *Maintenance Charges and Fees*). You may be charged for any lock or key damages. In the event of a resident's request for lock service during non-business hours, the resident may be charged for overtime labor and travel time.

Lost Student ID Cards/Visitor Cards

All residence halls require PSU ID access badges for building entry. PSU ID access badges are first obtained through the ID Services office. All residential students should acquire a PSU ID access badge regardless of building. If a card is lost, a student must have a new card made. Replacement cards are \$20.

Students checking in on weekends or when the ID Services Office is closed may temporarily check out an access fob from the Montgomery Service Desk when available. Fobs checked out from the Montgomery Service Desk must be returned within 48 hours. There is a \$30 fee for returning the fob late and a \$30 replacement fee if lost/stolen/damaged.

Charge and Fee Petitions

Any petition requesting the removal of Housing charges must be submitted to the UHRL Office within 90 days of the charge. Petitions regarding charges totaling \$100 or less will be reviewed by the Accounts Coordinator, while petitions regarding charges totaling more than \$100 will be reviewed by the Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life. Petitioners can expect a response within ten business days. You will receive petition decisions via email.

Avoiding Damage Charges

The following information is provided to assist you in avoiding charges.

Decorating/Altering Your Space

Extras such as plants, lamps, rugs, bedspreads, and/or posters help personalize your space. When planning to decorate, it is important to keep in mind that no permanent changes (showers, fixtures, door locks, cabinet locks, painting, etc.) may be made to the spaces. Any damage done decorating the room or removing decorations at move-out will result in a charge to your student account. Nothing is allowed on the exterior of the buildings. This includes fire escapes and exterior window ledges. Nothing is allowed to be posted in windows, facing out or facing in.

Pictures and Wall Hangings

Nails, pins, tacks, etc. are not allowed. Please take care when hanging pictures and other items on your walls. If you hang items on the walls, please use easily removable adhesives. Any damage may result in charges to the resident's student account.

Painting Your Room/Unit

Residents may not paint their rooms. Repair of unauthorized painting will result in charges to your PSU Student Account. Rooms/Units are painted by UHRL painting staff. If the walls in your room or room/unit are in need of repair, submit an online Maintenance Request. Contact your Resident Assistant or your Area Desk for details.

Showers

The installation or use of **any** shower attachment in Blackstone or King Albert is not allowed. The walls in these buildings are constructed with plaster, making water and steam damage particularly ruinous. Showers also place additional stress on the old water pipes in the buildings. If water damage is found in your room/unit or another room/unit and is found to have been caused by a shower attachment in your bathroom, you will be held financially responsible and will also be subject to student conduct action.

Cleanliness

Residents are expected to maintain a clean living environment. Housekeeping staff cleans all common areas, but **not** individual rooms/units. In choosing to live on campus, you agree to maintain your room/unit in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. This also applies to common spaces such as lounges, kitchens and community bathrooms. Although housekeeping staff goes through these spaces regularly, it is your responsibility to clean up after yourself and not leave a mess for those who need to use the space after you.

Other Useful Information

Air Conditioners

Air Conditioners are not permitted in the Residence Halls. Evaporative Coolers that meet the guidelines below are permitted:

- It should be designed for the size of the unit, and must not exceed 150% of the size of the unit.
- You may need to use less power in your dorm/unit when it is on; be especially mindful of items that pull a lot of electricity such as microwaves or hair dryers. Evaporative coolers that regularly blow fuses are not permitted.
- Units must have an automatic shut-off if the water levels are low.
- The unit should not connect to a window, vent out a window, or require any adaptations to the window.

Materials Disposal

Disposal of cat litter, plaster, or art ceramic by flushing it down the toilet or any other plumbing fixture is prohibited. Even litter marketed as “flushable” has caused significant problems in our buildings. Please dispose of these items in designated trash dumpsters around your building.

Circuit Breakers and Fuses

To avoid power losses, be careful not to operate too many appliances at any one time.

The electricity of apartments in Montgomery, St. Helens, and Blackstone run on fuses. If a fuse blows in your apartment and you feel confident in your ability to replace it, you may purchase a fuse on your own. If you would like to submit a work order, repairs will be made between 10:00am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday. Fuse-replacement work orders, except the first, will result in a maintenance charge to the student account

All other buildings use circuit breakers. Contact the Montgomery Desk or RA on-call for assistance with breakers.

Door Locks and Deadbolts

UHRL will not install or give authorization for you to install additional locks on your room/unit door or anywhere within your unit.

Furniture/Elevated Beds

Residents are encouraged to arrange their furniture in a way that makes them most comfortable in their living space, so long as no damage is done to the unit or to the furniture. Residents may build lofts for their beds **only with approval from the UHRL Maintenance Staff using PSU loft building equipment**. Homemade lofts are not allowed. To ensure the safety of residents of the room/unit itself, the following guidelines must be followed when utilizing a loft:

- Personally designed and constructed lofts are prohibited.
- Beds may only be raised using University equipment or by the use of a single, commercially manufactured bed riser in good condition under each leg of a single non-lofted/raised bed.
- Students are required to use guardrails for all raised beds.
- In buildings equipped with automatic sprinklers, raised beds must be located so as to minimize automatic sprinkler interference. No furniture may be within three feet of the ceiling or any fire sprinkler, smoke detector or other fire detection or suppressing equipment
 - Sidewall sprinklers: Locate bed on opposite wall from sprinkler(s).
 - Overhead sprinklers: There must be a minimum ceiling clearance of 36 inches.
- Raised beds and their frames must not be enclosed with fabric, plywood, or any other material.

- Raised beds shall connect only on the short ends, except when placed in an “L” shaped configuration.
- The top of the mattress may be no higher than seven feet from the floor, regardless of ceiling height.
- **Any loft must be pre-approved by the UHRL Maintenance Staff.**
- Furniture may not block the entrance or exit of any room.

Heaters/Radiators

The heating elements in each room/unit reach very high temperatures and are a potential source of fire danger. Please do not place objects near (within two feet) of these elements.

Buildings with radiators operate from a central thermostat. When that thermostat detects the need for heat, the boiler (located on the ground floor of each building) sends very hot water through the pipes and into the radiators. Individual radiators are adjustable only by the valve being open or closed. A closed valve does not allow hot water into the radiator, providing almost no heat to the room. **Please be very careful when adjusting the valve as it may be very hot to the touch.** Use a towel to protect your hand.

If you feel that the heat in your room/unit is not operating properly, enter a work order or contact the on-call RA in case of emergency.

In Broadway, each unit has its own adjustable thermostat. However, if the thermostat is turned too high or an object is placed too close to the heating element, the heat will shut off. This is a safety feature of the heater and also saves energy. If this occurs, please enter a work order to get the heat reset. In order to avoid this occurrence, maintain the thermostat at a moderate temperature and do not push furniture or other items against the heater.

Light Bulbs

Members of the Housekeeping and Maintenance staff make daily rounds of the buildings and are responsible for the replacement of all common area bulbs. Maintenance staff will gladly replace all permanent light fixtures throughout campus. Residents are responsible for replacing their own bulbs for any personal lamps.

Smoke Detectors

Tampering with or disabling smoke detectors is prohibited by PSU and is a violation of the State of Oregon fire codes. Such behavior puts the community at risk. If a resident is found to have tampered with a smoke detector, the resident may be monetarily responsible for the costs of emergency response and will be subject to student conduct action.

If the battery needs to be replaced in the smoke detector, do not disconnect the smoke detector. Please submit a work order and/or call the RA on call to get a new battery. If you should experience any additional problems with your smoke detector, submit a Maintenance Request and/or contact a UHRL staff member.

Housing Charges and Fees

Rates are subject to change; Estimated amounts for the 2020-2021 academic year are indicated below.

<u>Contract Fees:</u>	<u>Cost:</u>
Contract Fee (non-refundable)	\$50
Spring Prepayment	\$140
Reactivation/Reassignment Fee	\$50 per occurrence
Buyout	Dependent upon cancellation date and reason. See Terms and Conditions.
Contractual Violation Fees:	
Improper or Late Check-Out	Up to \$100 per incident
Room Transfers	Students are allowed one transfer per contract year. Beyond that, students will be charged \$100 per transfer.
Consolidation Fine	\$100 for failure to prepare unit for roommate
Life-safety Violation (tampering with fire/safety equipment, throwing things out the window)	Up to \$500 per incident and cost of repair
Maintenance/Damage Charges:	
Trash removal	\$25 per bag
Cleaning Charge	\$25 per labor hour and all associated materials
Maintenance Charge (not requiring a licensed journeyman)	\$40 per labor hour and all associated materials
Trades Maintenance Charge (electrical, plumbing, etc.)	\$65 per labor hour and all associated materials
Damage or Missing Item Charge	Variable
Community Vandalism	Variable, split amongst residents
Abandoned Goods/Furniture Removal	\$250 per item
Failure to prepare unit for pest control	\$25 fine plus labor, materials, and contractor charges

Failure to prepare unit for maintenance repair	\$25 fine plus possible associated charges
Other Charges:	
Lock Outs	\$10 per incident, first incident from Desk free of charge
Lost Key	\$30 per key
Lock Change (required for lost key)	\$80 or up to \$135 for after hours
Unreturned or Late Equipment Return (Carts, Fobs)	\$5 for every 30 minutes late up to \$30 or cost of replacement
Animal Cleaning	Up to \$200

Housing Policies Quick Guide

Description: This Quick Guide is a summary of the Standards of Residence, residential conduct policies to which all residents must adhere. **Please note that if there are any unforeseen disagreements between this summary and the Standards of Residence, the Standards of Residence will take precedence.** Visit [Conduct and Handbook](#) for further information related to conduct and policies. The complete Standards of Residence are below.

Remember, in addition to the policies contained in this Quick Guide:

- If something is illegal off-campus, it's illegal on-campus. University property does not insulate you from being accountable for your actions.
- As a student on PSU's campus, you must adhere to all policies in the [PSU Student Code of Conduct](#).

University Housing and Residence Life Policies

The following actions are prohibited:

Noise and Disruptive Behavior

Engaging in noisy, disorderly, or disruptive behavior:

- Interfering with another resident's reasonable ability to sleep, study, or be present in one's own room or residence hall without disruption
- Violating the University's Quiet-Hours policy, which defines Quiet-Hours as 10:00pm to 8:00am every night (except during "Study Week"(the week before finals) and Finals Week when Quiet Hours are 7:00pm to 5:00pm -- 22 hours), or courtesy hours which are 24 hours a day
- Failure to reasonably comply with requests from any community member to reduce the impact of your noise or disruption

Alcohol

Consuming, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol while under the age of 21:

- Possessing or being in the presence of alcohol paraphernalia while under the age of 21
- Being in the presence of alcohol consumption while under the age of 21
- Detectable and/or disruptive alcohol intoxication regardless of age
- Possession of alcohol in a living space belonging to resident(s) under the age of 21
- Consumption of alcohol in areas other than an enclosed residential room
- Being in the presence of illegal possession or use of alcohol

Drugs

- The possession, use, sale, or distribution of any drug, drug paraphernalia, or controlled substance prohibited by state or federal law. This prohibition includes the possession, use, sale, or distribution of marijuana in any form.
- Being under the influence of a drug or other substances prohibited by state or federal law. This prohibition includes marijuana in any form.

- Being in the presence of unlawful drug use or possession of drug paraphernalia as defined by state or federal law. This prohibition includes marijuana in any form.
- Medicinal marijuana use or possession on campus.
- The unlawful use or abuse of prescription drugs or the dangerous use of over-the-counter products. Possession, manufacturing, or use of K2, Salvia, Spice, or psychoactive herbal products.

Failure to Comply

Residents are required to comply with official requests or directives of University Staff and Officials. Residents must not interfere, obstruct, or provide false information to staff performing their duties.

Smoking

- Smoking any substance by any means and/or with any smoking device
- The use of electronic cigarettes or vaporizers
- The use or possession of hookahs
- The use or possession of any smoking apparatus or tool

Building Access

- Hosting or giving access to anyone who is unapproved or trespassed from entry to residence hall spaces
- Providing access to anyone who should not access a given residential or common space
- Unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of University Housing keys
- Misuse of an electronic access card or security feature
- Unauthorized entry into any secured or restricted space.

Fire Equipment, Code, and Procedures

- Failing to immediately evacuate during a general alarm
- Causing the building or floor to go into general alarm without just cause
- Tampering with or damaging fire equipment
- Attaching anything to a sprinkler
- Obstruction of clear egress or accessible movement from room, hallway, or building
- Covering more than 50% of door or wall with combustible materials

Flammable Materials and Fire Safety

- Setting or fueling a fire of any size and/or purposefully creating smoke
- Storing flammable or combustible liquids or gasses is prohibited. Please review the Standards of Residence for guidelines on acceptable and prohibited flammable materials.
- Possession of incendiary or explosive materials, including fireworks, live ammunition, etc.
- Possession and/or the burning of candles, incense, herbs, and/or oils
- Leaving any cooking device unattended while in use, and/or failing to provide adequate ventilation while cooking
- Exposing heat sources to combustible or flammable materials

Possession or use of appliances or electrical equipment that present a fire risk due to open heating elements or overtaxing electrical systems. Please review details regarding acceptable and prohibited appliances in our full policy handbook.

Collusion

Inciting, assisting, facilitating, being in the presence of, or acquiescing in the engagement of any violation of the Standards of Residence, PSU Code of Conduct, or law.

Weapons

- Possession of an unlawful weapon, firearm, or dangerous item
- Possession of an object with a blade longer than four (4) inches or ten (10) centimeters
- Using any object in a manner that could cause physical harm or undue mental stress
- Failure to report the known presence of an unlawful weapon or dangerous item

Property Damage

- Causing, or attempting to cause, damage, destruction, alteration, or defacement to property of the University, a group, or an individual
- Vandalism of property, decorations, or signage

Theft

- Attempted or actual theft of property or services
- Possession of stolen property, removal, or repossession of university or personal property, decorations, or signage

Endangering Behavior

Negligently, recklessly, or intentionally causing physical harm, including:

- Direct or indirect threats or intimidation
- Behavior that creates undue mental stress or emotional harm to any person
- Abusive treatment of residents, guests, or staff members, or any behavior that results in a hostile work, living, or academic environment
- Hazing – actions or situations that produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, or ridicule

Covid-19 Endangering Behavior

- Intentionally not maintaining a 6ft social distance from other people
- Not wearing a face mask while in residence hall spaces that are not your room
- Not maintaining the limit of 1 person (or household) per elevator car at a time
- Not adhering to lounge/community kitchen space restrictions
- Violating the No Guest Policy
- Exhibiting non-compliant behavior towards University Housing & Residence Life staff members or student leaders whose role it is to enforce Covid-19 related policies and protocol

Domestic Partners, Dependents, and Care-Givers

Failure to register, be approved for, and be assigned an acceptable space in order to have domestic partners, dependents, or care-givers cohabiting space.

Pets (Service Animals and Support Animals are not pets)

Possession of a pet(s). Pets are different from Emotional Support Animals and Service Animals.

Housing Operations and Services

- Misuse, obstruction, disruption, or abuse of housing services, space, or personnel.
- Misappropriating the time and attention of Housing and Residence Life staff.

Lock-outs

Exceeding three lock-outs within a 30-day time period

Wireless and wired networks

Use of any device that provides a Wi-Fi network or that may interfere with PSU's Wi-Fi networks is not permitted. Personal wireless networks cause degradation to PSU's residential Wi-Fi. See the detailed policy in "Campus wired and wireless network access, Internet, and Web Communities" on p. 10 for details on acceptable and unacceptable wireless devices

Use of wired network switches or hubs on PSU's network is not permitted.

Wired network routers are allowed on PSU's network, so long as it has no wireless capability or the wireless capability has been completely turned off. Residents are prohibited from operating any web or file servers on PSU's network.

Devices found to be in violation of these policies are automatically identified by the Office of Information Technology. Severe or repeated violations may result in student conduct charges. PSU reserves the right to confiscate these devices as well.

Standards of Residence

Introduction

The University Housing and Residence Life (UHRL) Standards of Residence serves as an extension of the UHRL Housing Contract and Terms and Conditions to which each resident agrees before moving into UHRL housing. In signing a UHRL contract, the resident agrees to the policies outlined in these Standards of Residence. The Residential Standards Quick Guide (see prior pages, and online) is a brief summary of some of the most frequently occurring policy issues. The Quick Guide may be used for quick reference, but the full details and policy language is contained in these Standards of Residence. Residents are accountable to and contractually obligated to abide by the entire Standards of Residence. In addition, these Standards of Residence are an extension of the [Student Code of Conduct](#) for which all students are responsible. The Student Code of Conduct is administered by the Dean of Student Life office, which grants authority to UHRL for adjudication and administration of the Student Code of Conduct and these Standards of Residence within residential buildings and for residential students and their guests.

Expectations and Responsibilities for Community Living

UHRL policies and structures are created to protect and promote student success. As an individual choosing to live on campus, you share with your neighbors a reciprocal responsibility to align your actions with the values conducive to student success and community engagement. With this principle in mind, you are free to:

- sleep and relax in your room

- read and study in your room
- live in a clean, safe environment
- access your room and suite
- respectfully confront another's behavior which infringes upon your rights or personal health
- feel security for yourself and your personal possessions
- seek the aid of staff in resolving possible conflicts within your living space or community

Staff is on hand to help you ensure these rights through thoughtful discussion and open communication with your roommates, suitemates, and other floor/hall residents. It is our sincere desire that students will choose behaviors that support and respect all community members. UHRL staff, in collaboration with and as delegated by the Office of the Dean of Student Life, will administer the student conduct process to promote accountability to PSU and UHRL policies. In support of community interests, staff members may investigate and, if warranted, confer with and sanction students for violating these policies.

Compelling Community Interests

UHRL policies have been created to support four "Compelling Community Interests" (See *Judicious Leadership for Residence Hall Living*, Forrest Gathercoal, 1991, Caddo Gap Press). These Compelling Community Interests are:

Health and Safety

Policies and procedures have been developed to help protect students against incidents or behaviors that may jeopardize the physical, mental, or emotional health and/or safety of either the group or the individual. As such, there is a community interest in aligning personal behavior with policies that improve the health and/or safety of the living environment. These especially include policies and procedures implemented in relativity to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Property Protection and Stewardship

Care and protection of both community and personal property are a shared responsibility of all members. Individuals must work together to reduce property loss or damage.

Maintenance of the Best Possible Educational Environment

In order for a large number of people to live together successfully each member of the community must respect the expectations of the other members. You must abide by the community standards as a means to preserve the power of community to promote your success and engagement.

Legitimate Educational Purpose

With the basic premise that students attend college to attain a degree, certificate, or for personal advancement, anything not contributing to the accomplishment of this goal contravenes the educational purpose of the university and the Residential Campus Community. Therefore, University Housing and Residence Life has established policies and functions that promote this interest.

The Residential Conduct Process

When a student is charged with a violation of policy, they can expect the following process to be available. Students will:

1. be notified via their pdx.edu email address of the alleged violation of applicable policies;
2. have those charges heard by a UHRL Hearing Officer, Dean of Student Life Hearing Officer, or Peer Conduct Board in a conduct meeting;
3. have the opportunity to challenge the statements of reports providing information regarding the allegations;
4. have the opportunity to present information on their behalf.

Students must read their email or other conduct notice in order to understand the details of the charges as well as the time/location of their hearing. It is a student's responsibility to attend the hearing in order to hear information supporting the charges, and to respond and present new information relevant to the charges.

If a student feels they need more time to prepare for a hearing or if they have a time conflict, they may request to reschedule the hearing. Reasonable requests for rescheduling of a hearing will often be honored, so long as there are compelling reasons to postpone the hearing. However, UHRL reserves the right to choose the time/location of the hearing.

Students may contact the Dean of Student Life office at conduct@pdx.edu and 503-725-5341 **at least 24 hours** before their hearing time to reschedule their meeting. If a student fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing officer/board may make a decision on the case in their absence. When the hearing officer/board decides a case in the student's absence, they will wait at least 15 minutes after the assigned hearing time to establish that the student is not participating, rather than simply running late.

Conduct Meetings

Student conduct meetings, also referred to as conduct hearings, are an administrative review of the information relevant to the charges. Students alleged to have violated a policy will be invited to participate in these meetings to respond to, verify, and/or deny the charges or the relevant information. If a student does not attend a meeting, the case may be heard in the student's absence with the information available at the time of the hearing.

These meetings seek to determine whether or not a student is responsible for the charged violations by collecting and reviewing the available information. The conduct officer or peer conduct board will look at the available information and determine the outcome of the case by a preponderance of the evidence (whether the alleged behavior is more likely than not to have happened).

A hearing officer or board will seek to decide the outcome of a case in the hearing when possible. If the hearing officer needs to verify information, interview additional witnesses, or corroborate accounts, the hearing officer may defer the decision to a later time.

Sanctions

A sanction is an administrative response to individual violations of policy that is assigned by the Hearing Officer. If a student is found responsible for a violation, the conduct officer or peer conduct board will assign a sanction or sanctions. These sanctions will be outlined in a decision notification letter sent to the student's pdx.edu email account. The conduct process seeks to identify educational opportunities for students who have violated policy. Sanctions include warnings, restitution and/or fines, loss of privileges, educational assignments, reassignment,

contract probation, contract termination, refusal of entry, and other actions that can affect your status as a PSU student.

Conduct Administrative Fee

Fees pay the costs related to the investigation, adjudication, and follow up of conduct cases. Only students found responsible for a violation will be assessed a fee. The fee, if applicable, will be determined by the nature of the violation, will be considered at the conclusion of the conduct process, and will not be a factor influencing the outcome of a hearing.

1. For a Low-Level Violation, the first violation will result in a \$10 fee, a second violation of the same or similar nature will result in a \$20 fee, and the fee will increase by an additional \$10 for each subsequent violation of the same or similar nature. A “Low-Level Violation” is any violation that is not a High-Level Violation or a Drug or Alcohol Violation.
2. For a Drug or Alcohol Violation, the first violation will result in a \$50 fee, a second violation of the same or similar nature will result in a \$75 fee, and the fee will increase by an additional \$25 for each subsequent violation of the same or similar nature. A “Drug or Alcohol Violation” is any Violation that is not a High-Level Violation that includes the use or possession of drugs or alcohol in violation of the Code.
3. For a High-Level Violation, the first violation will result in a \$75 fee, a second violation of the same or similar nature will result in a \$100 fee, and the fee will increase by an additional \$25 for each subsequent violation of the same or similar nature. A “High-Level Violation” is any Violation that presents a potential health and safety risk or a serious disruption to the living and learning environment.

All fees will be assessed to the University account of the responsible resident.

Appeals

A student may appeal the outcome of a hearing by filing a written notice of appeal to the Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life. A written notice must be filed within ten business days of the notice of sanction and must specify in detail the grounds upon which the appeal is based. Appeals can be emailed to conduct@pdx.edu or dropped off at SMSU 433. Dissatisfaction with a decision is not grounds for appeal.

The justification for an appeal must come from the list below:

1. Demonstrated errors in the conduct process. Provide a typed and detailed description of the error(s) in the Conduct process that took place. Reference the [Student Code of Conduct](#).
2. Relevant evidence/information not available at the time of the original hearing has been discovered. Information must be significant enough to have had an impact on the outcome. Provide a typed and detailed description.
3. The sanction(s) imposed were outside of the University’s authority. Provide a typed and detailed description that demonstrates how the imposed sanction(s) are outside of the University’s authority.

There is only one opportunity for appeal. Failure to file the above-mentioned notice within the prescribed ten business days will constitute a waiver of the right to appeal. The appeal process is an administrative review of the appeal request and available information. It is designed to be informal in nature with the objective of ensuring that fundamental fairness was applied to a conduct case; no formal rules of evidence or procedure will apply.

An appeal is not a re-hearing of the case. If an appeal is approved, the Appeal Officer, the Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life, or a designee, will determine the next steps for the case. Sanctions determined at the time of hearing remain in effect unless the Appeal Officer determines otherwise.

Safety and Security Statement

Students contracted to live on campus agree to take primary responsibility for their own personal safety and security, and to support the safety and security of fellow residents, the buildings, and shared spaces. The University and UHRL will work cooperatively with students to promote a safe and secure environment, although safety cannot be guaranteed. Students agree to read and abide by security policies and precautions stated in this publication and in all other University publications.

All PSU students are expected to follow all [University Policies and Rules](#). Students may [submit a complaint online](#) or by contacting a Residence Life Staff member.

PSU students are encouraged to register with the [PSU Alert Emergency Notification System](#).

PSU students are encouraged to stay up-to-date on the [University's Coronavirus response](#).

Personal Conduct and Passive Involvement

Being a member of a community means understanding and adhering to community standards and policies. It also means taking an active role in the development and well-being of that community. As a community member, you are responsible for your behavior and the choices that you make. We hope you will choose to abide by all university and housing policies as well as community standards. If you are ever in the presence of a policy violation, you have some choices:

- You may attempt to stop the violation, only if it is safe to do so or;
- You may contact residence hall or other staff and/or;
- You may remove yourself from the situation.

If you choose to remain at the scene of a policy violation, you may be included in the incident report and may be held accountable for a policy violation. In addition to these choices, some policies suggest or require that you make specific choices to help manage the situation correctly. Please make sure you understand the content of the policies contained in these Standards of Residence.

Students who fail to report knowledge of a dangerous or unlawful item may be held accountable under this policy or the collusion policy.

University Housing and Residence Life Conduct Policies

Academic Standing

The Academic Connect policy and program is a UHRL initiative that helps students on academic warning or probation at Portland State University achieve academic success.

If you are on academic warning or probation and live with University Housing & Residence Life, you will be required to participate in this Academic Connect program. You will be provided intentional support, resources to Housing & Residence Life, and to the PSU community by participating in this program.

Academic Connect Goals:

- Help students on academic warning or probation achieve academic success
- Provide intentional support, resources, and connections to Housing & Residence Life and the PSU community for students living on campus
- Provide individualized assistance towards academic skill development for on campus students who are on academic warning and probation

Academic Connect Participant Expectations:

- Meet with the Housing & Residence Life staff member that reaches out to you at the start of the term
- Schedule and attend weekly meetings with the staff members
- Complete a mid-term progress report worksheet for each class by week six of the term and bring those to your meeting with a Housing & Residence Life staff member
- Complete activities and tasks as decided in collaboration with the Housing & Residence Life staff member
- Fill out the exit survey by the end of finals week

Alcohol

This alcohol policy applies to all residents, regardless of age. The University seeks to maintain an environment conducive to intellectual and personal wellness and growth. This policy prohibits alcohol-related behaviors that detract from PSU's educational purpose, interfere with a disruption-free environment, or are against the law. Alcohol possession and use by students of legal age is only permitted in line with the contents of this policy. Failure to adhere to the policy may result in a staff response which may result in the removal (in the form of pouring down a sink) of remaining alcohol, conduct action, and/or restriction of the privilege to use/possess alcohol on campus. Illegal possession, use, intoxication, and distribution of alcohol is prohibited. Violations of the alcohol policy may include, but are not limited to:

- Consuming, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol while under the age of 21
- Possessing or being in the presence of alcohol paraphernalia while under the age of 21, except in the case of roommates of differing ages being in their room together. Paraphernalia could include: empty containers of alcohol (including decorative uses), cups with residue of alcoholic beverages, beer bongs, etc.
- Being in the presence of alcohol consumption while under the age of 21, except in the case of roommates of differing ages being in their room together

- Detectable and/or disruptive alcohol intoxication regardless of age. Intoxication may be considered detectable and/or disruptive if it interferes with community interests or causes normal operations of the residence halls to be disrupted.
- Possession of alcohol in a living space assigned to resident(s) under the age of 21, except in the case of roommates of differing ages being in their room together
- Consumption of alcohol in areas other than an enclosed residential room, such as hallways, doorways, lounges, public areas or restrooms, etc.
- Using alcohol in the presence of someone under the age of 21, except in the case of roommates of differing ages being in their room together
- Being in the presence of illegal possession or use of alcohol
- Providing alcohol to someone under the age of 21
- The possession or use of excessive quantities, unmarked, or common sources of alcohol
- The production, sale, or manufacturing of alcohol

Residents are encouraged to talk to friends and roommates about these restrictions related to alcohol to make sure that your behaviors are in line with behavioral expectations. For roommate or suitemate pairs that differ by legal drinking status (age), talk with each other and hall staff members for help planning how to manage adherence to this policy.

Bias Related Behavior

Bias is a pre-formed negative opinion or attitude towards a group of persons who possess common characteristics such as skin color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity and expression, age, or physical, mental, or emotional disability, or any other distinguishing characteristic.

Bias Incident

Bias incidents are behaviors/actions directed towards an individual or group based upon actual or perceived identity characteristics or background (e.g., skin color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity and expression, age, or physical, mental, or emotional disability).

Any acts of incivility or abuse that are bias related are prohibited.

Examples:

Bias Incidents:	Not Bias Incidents:
A penis or vagina drawn on the door of a resident who is transgender	A penis or vagina drawn on a bulletin board
"F--k women" spray painted in the stairwell	"F--k" spray painted in the stairwell
A sign that says, "Homo" posted on a residents door	A sign that says, "Jessica is the worst" posted on a resident's door (this is bullying, not bias)

A white student yelling, "I hate your kind" at a Black or African American student	A white student yelling "I hate you" at a Black or African American student
A cross carved on a Muslim student's door or a swastika drawn anywhere	Initials carved on a table

Building Access

Access control is a very important health and safety issue for an urban campus. Our private residential spaces are not open to the public. Each resident must do their part to protect access. You must not allow non-residents into the building or provide access via the elevator or stairs to residential floors. The Campus Public Safety Office and University Housing and Residence Life should be contacted if someone sneaks in behind you or pressures you to grant them access.

Residents have access to their rooms and shared spaces. Some spaces within the hall are locked and/or restricted for health and safety reasons (i.e. ledges, roofs, non-occupied residential rooms, non-public spaces, etc). Accessing or entering such a space is prohibited.

Examples of prohibited behavior under this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Negligently or intentionally providing access to anyone who does not have privileges to access a given residential or common space. Some individuals are trespassed or prohibited from entry to residence halls, by conduct action, university directive, or Public Safety, police, or court order. You are not permitted to host or allow entry for such individuals.
- Unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of University keys
- Misuse of an electronic access card or security feature
- Propping open or preventing the closing/locking of security doors
- Unauthorized entry into any secured or restricted space. Residents entering residence halls other than their own will not be permitted due to University Covid-19 restrictions.
- Allowing others who are not authorized to be there, to enter the building, or a part of a building, or to use the elevator or to gain access to any part of a residential building

Civility

Abusive or adverse treatment of residents, guests, or staff members, or any behavior that results in a hostile work, living, or academic environment is prohibited. Many behaviors or actions could warrant conduct action, such as harassment, bullying, etc. Such behaviors that constitute a potential violation of the PSU Student Code of Conduct may be investigated and adjudicated by the Office of the Dean of Student Life. Other behaviors may be investigated and adjudicated as a potential violation of the housing contract, including any behavior that jeopardizes the health of others during the Covid-19 pandemic .

Collusion

Inciting, assisting, facilitating, being in the presence of, or acquiescing in the engagement of any violation of the Standards of Residence, PSU Code of Conduct, or law is prohibited. Please refer to the Personal Conduct and Passive Involvement statement to understand your choices in a given situation. Conduct action may follow if your actions or presence connects you to a violation of policy.

Conduct Sanction Requirements

Students are required to adhere to the conditions of housing probation, or any restrictions, limitations, as well as expectations resulting from conduct action. It is a violation for students to fail to complete administrative sanctions to a satisfactory degree by the established deadline. An account hold may be placed when a sanction is not completed by the deadline or does not meet the expectations of the sanction. Students with incomplete sanctions are subject to further conduct action, which could include contract termination in certain cases where a student violates this policy while on contract or University probation.

Domestic Partners, Dependents, and Care-Givers

Residents must register, be approved for, and be assigned an acceptable space in order to have domestic partners, dependents, or care-givers cohabiting in residential spaces. Failure to register such parties may constitute a contractual violation under this policy and/or the guest or building access policies.

Drugs

The Drugs Policy prohibits behavior relating to drugs and harmful substances. Campus Public Safety (CPSO) may be notified and often involved in any action concerning drugs in the Residence Halls. Behavior prohibited under this policy includes but is not limited to the following:

- The possession, use, sale, or distribution of any drug, drug paraphernalia, or controlled substance prohibited by state or federal law. This prohibition includes the possession, use, sale, or distribution of marijuana in any form.
- Being under the influence of a drug or other substance prohibited by state or federal law. This prohibition includes being under the influence of marijuana.
- Being in the presence of unlawful drug use or possession of drug paraphernalia as defined by state or federal law. This prohibition includes marijuana in any form.
- Medicinal marijuana use or possession on campus. PSU residence halls cannot accommodate the possession or use of marijuana, regardless of the possession of appropriate medical marijuana authorization.
- The unlawful use or abuse of prescription drugs or the dangerous use of over-the-counter products.
- Possession, manufacturing, or use of K2, Salvia, Spice, or psychoactive herbal products

Please be aware that in response to potential fire safety and property damage, risks associated with smoking or production of drugs, Housing and Residence Life staff may need to key-in to spaces to investigate and resolve any potential safety issues.

Support Animals

Approved support animals are allowed in UHRL residential rooms. A support animal is an animal that provides emotional support that alleviates one or more identified symptoms or effects of a person's disability. Unlike service animals, support animals are not trained to perform work or tasks, and they include species other than dogs. Support animals are not considered pets.

Support animals must be kept under control by the resident owner and must remain inside residential units, unless the DRC has granted permission for the support animal to accompany the resident to other areas. Such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis consistent with applicable laws. In such instances, the support animal must be kept under control by a harness, leash, tether, voice control, signals, or other effective means.

Before a support animal can move into UHRL spaces with a person with a disability, a request must be made to PSU's Disability Resource Center and approval must be granted (usually at least 30 days prior to move in) by submitting the University Housing and Residence Life Disability Services Request Form, which can be found on the PSU website. If you are requesting the use of a support animal in University Housing, please visit the DRC's [Accessible Housing at PSU](#) page for more information.

In accordance with the DRC [Documentation Guidelines](#) the DRC needs the following for support animal requests:

- Verification of disability and functional limitations for the condition for which you are requesting a support animal. Your provider may use our [Verification of Disability Form](#) or write a letter.
- Supplemental information related to the role the support animal will play in your overall treatment plan. The [DRC Supplemental Support Animal Documentation form](#) can be used in lieu of a letter.
- PSU does not require people with disabilities who are accompanied by support animals in UHRL residential rooms to pay a surcharge for their support animal, such as a pet deposit.

Support Animal Rules:

- PSU is not responsible for the care or supervision of service or support animals. People with disabilities are responsible for the cost, care, and supervision of support animals, including:
 - compliance with any laws pertaining to animal licensing, vaccination, and owner identification;
 - keeping the animal under control and taking effective action when it is out of control; and
 - feeding and walking the animal, and disposing of its waste.
- A support animal must be housebroken (i.e., trained so that it controls its waste elimination, absent illness). Support animal feces/waste must be disposed of properly in outside garbage dumpsters. Disposal of cat litter by flushing it down the toilet or any other plumbing fixture is prohibited. Even litter marketed as "flushable" has caused significant problems in UHRL buildings. If the support animal has an accident indoors, it is the owner's responsibility to appropriately clean the area. The Disability Resource Center (DRC) or University Housing and Residence Life can provide additional guidance on where to appropriately dispose of animal waste if necessary.
- Support animals must be kept under control by the resident owner and must remain inside residential units, unless the DRC has granted permission for the support animal to accompany the resident to other areas. In such instances, the support animal must be kept under control by a harness, leash, tether, voice control, signals, or other effective means.
- In order to properly care for an emotional support animal, residents may not leave animals alone and unattended for extended periods of time. If a resident expects to be unable to return to their room to check in on their animal, the resident can designate an individual as a "caregiver" by submitting the [Caregiver Registration Form](#) to the Montgomery Service Desk prior to the resident's departure. A new caregiver registration form must be submitted for each period requested. Approval will not be granted for more than two consecutive days and or for more than five total days in any academic quarter. Once this form is submitted, keys and a temporary ID will be checked out from the Montgomery Service Desk to the designated caregiver for one hour during approved periods. Under no circumstance may a resident give their keys or ID to someone to access their residence hall and room.
- If a resident needs to be off-campus or out-of-town for a significant period of time or longer than two consecutive days, they are required to find a caregiver, take their animal with them, or find another place for the animal to stay off-campus.

- Students with disabilities who reside with a support animal must comply with the same University Housing and Residence Life rules regarding noise, safety, disruption, and cleanliness as students without approved support animals.

PSU may pose some restrictions on, and may even exclude, a support animal in certain instances. Restrictions or exclusions will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable laws, but an animal may be excluded if:

- it is out of control and effective action is not taken to control it;
- it is not housebroken;
- it poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be reduced or eliminated by reasonable modifications; or
- its presence fundamentally alters the nature of a program, service, or activity.

In considering whether an animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, PSU will make an individualized assessment, based on reasonable judgment, current medical knowledge, or the best available objective evidence, to determine: (1) the nature, duration, and severity of the risk; (2) the probability that the potential injury will actually occur; and (3) whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will mitigate the risk. In the event that restriction or removal of a support animal is determined to be necessary, the individual with a disability will still be given the opportunity to reside in UHRL spaces without having the animal present.

If a person has a disabling condition that may be affected by the presence of a support animal in UHRL spaces, that person may contact the Disability Resource Center for assistance. PSU is committed to ensuring that the needs of all people with disabilities are met and will determine how to resolve any conflicts or problems as expeditiously as possible.

Endangering

In support of the community health and safety interests, University Housing and Residence Life may proceed with conduct action in response to dangerous or potentially dangerous behaviors. Such behaviors could warrant contract termination or interim conduct action while a situation is being investigated and adjudicated. Behavior that endangers any person's safety is prohibited; such behavior may include but is not limited to:

- Negligently, recklessly, or intentionally causing physical harm
- Direct or indirect threats or intimidation
- Behavior that creates undue mental stress or emotional harm to any person
- Hazing – requiring actions or situations that produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule as a part of initiation into a group
- Inappropriately handling or disposing of biohazards, including, but not limited to, medical syringes, blood, and other bodily fluids
- Violating reasonable privacy expectations that could cause distress or threaten one's ability to feel reasonably safe and comfortable in the living space. Examples of this behavior include use of audio, video, or electronic means, telephonic or email harassment, etc.
- Dropping, throwing, or permitting objects, either liquid or solid, to be ejected, affixed to, or placed out a window. This may include objects placed on window sills or in positions where they could plausibly exit

through the window. Endangering by objects through windows could result in contract termination, regardless of intent. Covid-19 Endangering Behavior

- Intentionally not maintaining a 6ft social distance from other people
- Not wearing a face mask while in residence hall spaces that are not your room
- Not maintaining the limit of 1 person per elevator car at a time
- Not adhering to lounge/community kitchen space restrictions
- Violating the No Guest Policy
- Exhibiting non-compliant behavior towards University Housing & Residence Life staff members or student leaders whose role it is to enforce Covid-19 related policies and protocol

Failure to Comply

Residents are required to comply with official requests or directives of University staff and officials. Student staff are considered to be University staff and officials. Residents must not interfere with or obstruct staff performing their duties. Residents must not provide false information to University staff.

Compliance is a critical aspect of safety and security. Staff members must be able to ascertain identification and cooperation from individuals and groups in order to resolve a situation. Failure to comply is prohibited and could include, but is not limited to the following behaviors:

- Refusal to present ID
- Falsely identifying yourself by name, age, residence, etc.
- Providing false information to University staff and officials
- Refusing or ignoring a directive from a staff member who is performing their duties
- Failing to open one's room/unit door at a staff member's request
- Purposely violating a policy, directive, or restriction communicated by University staff or officials

Failure to Comply sometimes occurs during engagement of other policy violations. Students who do not comply may face elevated consequences due to the non-compliance, often which are more significant than the original violation alone and may result in removal from University Housing.

Fire and Life Safety, Equipment, Code, and Procedures

Residents must understand and adhere to processes, codes, and standards related to fire and life safety. Violations of this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Tampering with, removal of, or destruction of security screens and/or window limiters
- Sitting, standing, or being on any window ledge
- Failing to immediately evacuate during a general alarm
- Causing the building or floor to go into general alarm without just cause. Most buildings will go into general alarm when a public area (hallway) or multiple smoke detectors perceive smoke. You have the responsibility to control smoke from cooking by venting through a window, rather than a hallway door. If a general alarm is caused by inattentive cooking, leaving cooking items unattended, or leaving equipment on, such behavior may be a violation of this policy. Students must not use fire "pull stations" in non-emergency situations. Such false alarms could result in criminal action in addition to conduct action. Conduct action could include restitution for costs associated with false alarms.

- Tampering with or damaging fire equipment, including sprinklers. If you perceive a malfunction of fire equipment, you must submit a work order promptly. Students should not remove, cover, alter or tamper with fire equipment for any reason.
- Accessing and/or utilizing fire equipment inappropriately or in a non-emergency situation.
- Hanging items on sprinklers, blocking or covering sprinklers or smoke detectors, accessing fire escapes in non-emergency situations, etc.
- Being on the roof of any building or the exterior of any building, including on fire escapes, except when authorized (such as in an emergency)
- Obstruction of clear egress or accessible movement from room, hallway, or building. Hallways, foyers, fire exits, and doorways are thoroughfares. Gathering or the compilation of physical objects, such as furniture, decorations, boxes, etcetera in thoroughfares is prohibited as they impede effective evacuation in case of an emergency.
- Large or overloaded gatherings in student rooms. If you need larger spaces for group events or studying, you should consider the Montgomery Lounge, common spaces within your building, or study rooms at the Library.
- Covering more than 50% of door or wall with combustible materials
- Placing furniture within three feet of the ceiling or any fire sprinkler, smoke detector, or other fire detection or suppressing equipment.
- Building or using a resident-built loft or elevated bed. See UHRL Furniture/Elevated Bed Policy for more information.

Flammable Materials and Fire Safety

Residents must not present the residential community with unnecessary and/or prohibited risks of fire or smoke. Violations of this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Possession of a live tree adorned with lights
- Possession of a “hoverboard”
- Setting or fueling a fire of any size, and/or purposefully creating smoke
- Possession and/or the burning of candles, incense, herbs, and/or oils.
- Storing flammable or combustible liquids or gasses. These limitations are not intended to preclude the possession of hair spray, cosmetics, or medicines. This policy will be applied judiciously considering reasonable use/storage of such materials.
- Possession of incendiary or explosive materials, including fireworks, live ammunition, etc.
- Leaving any cooking device unattended while in use and/or failing to provide adequate ventilation while cooking.
- Exposing heat sources to combustible or flammable material. Examples of such fire safety concerns include, placing fabric over lamps, exposing kitchen appliances to flammable materials, or putting decorations, curtains, or other items above heaters, lamps, or other heat sources.
- Possession or use of appliances or electrical equipment that present a fire risk due to open heating elements or overtaxing electrical systems. Examples of appliances and items that are prohibited due to this risk include:
 - All non-UL approved appliances
 - Power strips without surge protection. Extension cords must have surge protection.
 - “Daisy-chaining,” or plugging one power strip or extension cord into another increases electrical safety risk and is prohibited.

- Major appliances (such as dishwashers, deep freezers, etc).
- Items with exposed heat sources
- Air conditioners or coolers
- Halogen lamps
- Lava lamps
- Toaster ovens
- Space heaters, other than those provided by UHRL staff and operated in a safe manner. Please contact the Housing and Residence Life Office if you feel that heat in your room is inadequate.
- Items without thermostat control or auto-shut-off, such as certain hot plates, hot pots, grills, etc.
- Microwaves larger than 800 watts
- Refrigerators larger than four cubic feet or which use more than 1.5 amps. Refrigerators brought to campus must be in good working condition.

University Housing and Residence Life reserves the right to restrict appliances and other items at any time that in our sole estimation pose a danger or hazard to the community and/or facilities.

Guests

In response to Covid-19 and the University's, Multnomah County's and the State of Oregon's guidance and directive on safe social distancing procedures, there will be a strict no guest policy implemented during the Fall Quarter for the safety of all residential students at Portland State. This includes family members, other students and non-students. In order to provide a safe living environment for all, we will be monitoring this policy and loosening restrictions as further guidance is given by local, regional and state authorities. This policy does not pertain to Care Givers registered through the Housing office. ***Below you'll find the stipulations of our guest policy under non-pandemic circumstances. This text is only left in this Handbook if the guest policy were to be in any form alleviated from current restrictions.***

Only residents, their guests, and approved University staff and officials are permitted into residential spaces within the residence halls. Residents are welcome to have guests visit, as long as guest visits are in line with the expectations included in this policy.

Resident students who host minors as guests take on a special and extra responsibility due to the young age of the minor guest. Minors, defined as non-students under the age of 18, require greater supervision and guidance than most adult guests. All guest policies and rules apply where a minor is allowed to visit in the residence halls. The following rules also apply to minors and their hosts:

1. Guests who are 16 or 17 years old may remain in or visit residential areas with a resident student host subject to the prior approval of the Resident Director, which approval will not be granted unless the guest and/or the resident host provides UHRL with written permission from the guest's parent/guardian authorizing their child/dependent to visit PSU's residential campus with that particular resident as host. This permission should include emergency contact information for the parent/guardian.
2. Guests under the age of 16 may visit only in rare circumstances. The guest and/or their resident host must provide UHRL with permission from the guest's parent/guardian authorizing their child/dependent to visit PSU's residential campus with that particular resident as host and all such requests must be approved in advance by the Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life. This permission should include emergency contact information for the parent/guardian.
3. Dependent minors of residents are not allowed to have minors as guests in residential areas at any time, however the adult student resident may host minors as guests during the daytime if the minor guest is in

the physical presence of the student resident during those hours and may host minor children during quiet hours and overnight in accordance with the rules above.

Violations of the Guests Policy may include, but are not limited to, the following behaviors:

- Failing to adhere to reasonable, voiced preferences of a roommate or suitemate regarding guests. Guests must be approved by all students who share the room/suite. If your room or suite cannot come to an agreement about guests, please contact UHRL staff (Resident Assistant, for instance) for assistance before violating roommate or suitemate preferences.
- Failing to escort guest(s) at all times
- Possession or use of access badges, keys, or other unauthorized methods of entry by guest(s)
- Failure to monitor or influence guest behavior to assure adherence to the Standards of Residence
- Guest(s) remaining in the host's room without host resident present
- Hosting a guest or combination of guests for more than two consecutive days or five days within a given term. Approved exceptions may be granted by contacting the Assistant Director for Residential Education. Requests must be made prior to a guest visit.
- Hosting a guest who is a minor without receiving the proper permissions from that guest's parent/guardian and your Residence Director/Assistant Director for Residential Education or the Executive Director of Housing and Residence Life.

A guest is defined as any person you allow into and/or host within the residence halls. You are expected to accompany your guest at all times in the building, including when they enter and exit the building. Guests do not have all the privileges and access as a resident. You may not loan your card access or room keys to your guest.

Residents must encourage and take action to assure responsible behavior by guests. This policy acknowledges that you may not be able to completely control another person's actions, but you can influence who you host, how they behave, and what they do in the community. Failure to monitor or influence guest behavior to assure adherence to the Standards of Residence is prohibited. Residents may be held responsible for violations committed by their guests. For example, if your guest uses illegal drugs in your room, you may be held responsible for a violation of the drug policy, regardless of whether you personally used it. You may also be held responsible for violating the guest policy.

If you need help managing guest behavior or a guest is behaving outside of your voiced expectations, you should contact Campus Public Safety (CPSO) or a UHRL Hall staff member immediately. Doing so may reduce your accountability for their actions.

Housing Operations and Services

Any action by a resident or guest that disrupts regular operations of UHRL services is prohibited. General questions and appropriate use of UHRL services are welcome. Behaviors that interfere with or act against the intended provisions of UHRL services are also prohibited. Misuse, obstruction, or abuse of UHRL services, space, or personnel is prohibited. Such behaviors may include, but are not limited to:

- Accessing the dining center without shirt and/or shoes
- Acting in a disorderly manner in dining areas
- Utilizing another student's meal card or allowing another person access to a student's meal card
- Misuse of services, such as office or duty phones

- Failure to prepare room. Residents must adhere to requests from UHRL to prepare their room/unit for work to be completed and for future roommates to be able to move into an open space.
- Use of any wired or wireless device that interferes with or degrades PSU's network. See the detailed policy in "Campus wired and wireless network access, Internet, and Web Communities"
- Exceeding three lock-outs within a 30-day time period
- Abandoning property
- Leaving trash, debris, or personal property in hallways or other general use space for any period of time
- Removing window screens from designed placement
- Misuse, alteration, detention, or occupation of shared spaces. Many different behaviors could fall under this policy. One example would be that sleeping, meditating, or lengthy presence in hallways or lounges prevents others from freely using space, and therefore would be prohibited. Rooms are intended for such personal uses. If you would like to utilize a public space for an event or activity, it should benefit the community overall. Contact the Assistant Director for Residential Education for approval and/or reservation.
- Delivery of items we cannot accept as packages at the area desk. Items will not be accepted and conduct action may follow. Please review the mail section in the Housing Handbook for more information about packages.
- Installing locks or other fixtures to university furniture or rooms.
- Removing university furnishings from rooms.
- Using a provided mattress without sheets

Noise and Disruptive Behavior

The Noise and Disruptive Behavior Policy addresses behaviors that have the potential to interrupt other students' ability to be present in their own room without undue and unreasonable disruption. Behaviors and actions that are disruptive or noisy as described in this policy are prohibited. These behaviors include, but are not limited to:

- Engaging in noisy, disorderly, or disruptive behavior
- Interfering with another resident's reasonable ability to sleep, study, or be present in one's own room or residence hall
- Violating the University's Quiet-Hours policy or excessive noise expectations.
- Failure to reasonably comply with requests from any community member to reduce the impact of your noise or disruption.
- Behaviors or negligence that cause(s) unreasonable disruption to another person or the educational living environment
- Creating or contributing to an avoidable urgent situation to which University officials or emergency personnel are required to respond

If you experience someone else being disruptive or noisy, you may respectfully address that situation with them and request resolution. Often students respond very well to direct communication. Residence Life staff may be contacted to help seek resolution for disruptions. Please be mindful that when Residence Life staff witnesses or receives reports of disruptions, they are compelled to report and respond to this occurrence, which often may result in conduct action.

The University has established quiet-hours between 10:00pm and 8:00am. Quiet-hours are expanded during the last week of classes and during Finals weeks of Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters to 22 hours a day, 7:00pm to

5:00pm the following day. In addition, if a student or staff member reasonably requests for you to reduce noise levels, you must comply with that request, regardless of time. Noise that is considered excessive or unreasonable is prohibited 24 hours a day. Examples of excessive noise include but are not limited to drums, amplifying music out a window, music instruments (amplified or naturally loud), and yelling. For students who wish to practice instruments, there are music rooms available in Lincoln Hall.

Sometimes disruption is caused by noise, but some behaviors, odors, or environmental factors may be considered disruptive. Disruptive odors could include smoke, dirt, trash, or spoiled, abandoned, or rotten food items. Residents must be mindful of how cleanliness and other personal habits can disrupt others and take action to prevent this disruption.

Disruptive behaviors could include riding a skateboard, bike, or other wheeled device indoors, playing sports or activities in your room or hallway, using laser pointers outside of an academic or intended use (such as pointing it at people or personal spaces), bodily substances released outside of a restroom, or concerning comments, threats, or abuse. If personal behavior has the potential impact to affect others and community, that is when it becomes a policy issue.

Pets (Service Animals and Support Animals are not pets)

- No animals except fish are allowed in the residence halls. This prohibition does not apply to service animals or support animals, which are not pets.
- Fish tanks cannot be over ten gallons and only one tank is allowed per room/unit.

Posting, Sales, and Solicitation

Sales and solicitation in the residence halls is generally limited and/or prohibited. Posting materials for publicity must be approved. The Housing and Residence Life office can be the point of contact to request approval for fliers and bulletin board announcements or publicity. Students may not act as sales agents or establish a business in UHRL spaces. Students or groups with an interest in engaging in recruiting members, raising funds, distributing materials, or other similar behavior must seek approval from University Housing and Residence Life. Such behaviors are prohibited without written permission from University Housing and Residence Life. See Posting Regulations to reference guidelines.

Property Damage

Causing or attempting to cause damage, destruction, alteration, or defacement to property of the University, a group, or an individual is prohibited. Vandalism of property, decorations, or signage constitutes a violation. Work on facilities or rooms must be performed by University maintenance or facilities staff, or university designated contractors. Prohibited actions include, but are not limited to:

- Installing fixtures or attachments to facilities, including shower attachments to spaces with only tubs
- Mounting televisions, shelves, speakers, or other items to walls or ceilings
- Damage caused by affixing items to any acoustical textured walls or ceilings
- Use of large nails, hooks, screws, or bolts into walls, ceilings, floors, or university furniture
- Painting rooms
- Affixing or damaging furniture when moving items within room
- The use of waterbeds and other water furnishings
- Transferring university furniture from one room to another. University furniture assigned to a residential space may not be stored elsewhere in or out of the building.

- Cinder blocks, PVC, or Metal pipes may not be used in construction or support of furniture or items in the room.
- Damaging or tampering with coin-operated machinery
- Damaging or tampering with elevators

Service Animals

Service animals are not pets and are permitted in UHRL spaces. A “service animal” means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. The work or tasks performed by a service animal must be directly related to the person’s disability. The provision of emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship do not constitute work or tasks for the purpose of this definition. Species other than dogs, or in some cases, miniature horses, are not considered service animals for the purpose of this definition of a service animal. Service animals are permitted to accompany people with disabilities in housing. PSU will not require any surcharges or fees for service animals. However, a person with a disability may be charged for damage caused by a service animal to the same extent that PSU would normally charge an individual for the damage they cause. PSU will not require documentation, such as proof that the animal has been certified, trained, or licensed as a service animal.

Service Animal Rules

1. PSU is not responsible for the care or supervision of service or emotional support animals. People with disabilities are responsible for the cost, care, and supervision of service and emotional support animals, including:
 - a) compliance with any laws pertaining to animal licensing, vaccination, and owner identification;
 - b) keeping the animal under control and taking effective action when it is out of control; and
 - c) feeding and walking the animal, and disposing of its waste.
2. A service animal must be housebroken (i.e., trained so that it controls its waste elimination, absent illness). Service animal feces/waste must be picked up immediately (in a baggie) and disposed of properly in outside garbage dumpsters. If the service animal has an accident indoors, it is the owner’s responsibility to appropriately clean the spot. The Disability Resource Center or University Housing and Residence Life can provide additional guidance on where to appropriately dispose of animal waste if necessary.
3. Service animals must be kept under control by a harness, leash, or other tether, unless the person is unable, because of a disability, to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or such use would interfere with the service animal's safe, effective performance of work or tasks. In such instances, the service animal must be kept under control by voice, signals, or other effective means.
4. People with disabilities who use a service animal must comply with the same University Housing and Residence Life rules regarding noise, safety, disruption, and cleanliness as people without disabilities.

PSU may pose some restrictions on, and may even exclude, a service animal in certain instances. Restrictions or exclusions will be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with applicable laws, but an animal may be excluded if:

- a) it is out of control and effective action is not taken to control it;
- b) it is not housebroken;

- c) it poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others that cannot be reduced or eliminated by reasonable modifications; or
- d) its presence fundamentally alters the nature of a program, service or activity.

In considering whether an animal poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, PSU will make an individualized assessment, based on reasonable judgment, current medical knowledge, or the best available objective evidence, to determine: (1) the nature, duration, and severity of the risk; (2) the probability that the potential injury will actually occur; and (3) whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will mitigate the risk. The University President shall designate a designee who shall provide a written statement of explanation to any person with a disability if a determination is made that a service animal or emotional support animal's presence would fundamentally alter the nature of a program, service, or activity.

In the event that restriction or removal of a service animal or emotional support animal is determined to be necessary, the person with a disability will still be given the opportunity to reside in University Housing and Residence Life facilities without having the service animal present.

Weapons

University Housing and Residence Life will work with the Campus Public Safety Office and the Dean of Student Life office to follow up on reports of weapons. Concealed weapons permits do not apply to the PSU campus. The following are prohibited under the weapons policy:

- Using any object in a manner that could cause physical harm or mental stress. Any item used to harm, threaten, or intimidate may be considered a weapon.
- Possession of a weapon, firearm, or dangerous item. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to airsoft guns, switchblades, metal knuckles, nunchakus, spears, martial arts weapons, electric or electroshock weapons, etc.
- Possession of an object with a blade longer than four inches or ten centimeters, which could include swords, machetes, knives. Kitchen knives used and stored appropriately may be excluded from consideration as a weapon.
- Possession of a reasonable facsimile of a weapon, which could include airsoft guns, bb-guns, replica weapons, etc.

Remember, in addition to the policies:

- You are responsible for your guests – By allowing someone into the building and/or hosting them, you are sharing responsibility for their actions in the residence hall. If your guest violates any policies, you may also be held responsible for their violation.
- If something is illegal off-campus, it's illegal on-campus. ***University property does not insulate you from being accountable for all your actions. However, not all policies that are legal off campus are allowed on campus – possession or use of marijuana, for instance.***
- As a student on PSU's campus, you must adhere to all policies in the [PSU Student Code of Conduct](#).

Damages and Liability

Damages

- Residents are individually responsible for damages they cause to residence hall property. Charges for damages will be based on repair or replacement costs to restore the room or building to approximate original condition.

- In public, shared, or semi-public areas of the halls, damages are charged to groups or individuals when the responsibility is established.
- Residents are responsible for any damages caused by their guests.

Liability

- The University and hall staff assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage to personal belongings in or on residence hall properties. This policy extends to student rooms, storage areas, auto and bicycle lots, and all other residence hall areas. Students are advised to carry homeowner's or renter's insurance.

Notice of Changes in Standards of Residence

Students will be notified of all changes in, additions to, and deletions from existing Standards of Residence through methods that could include updating the Housing Handbook as posted on the University Housing and Residence Life website, email, campus mail, postings in UHRL buildings, or information provided to the residents by their Resident Assistant (RA). All changes are applicable to all students upon publication which includes when it is posted on the PSU web page.

Campus Resources

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Links to Campus Resources

- [PSU Mission and Values](#)
- [Office of the Dean of Student Life](#)
- [Office of Global Diversity and Equity](#)
- [Office of Equity and Compliance](#)
- [Consensual Relationships Policy](#)
- [Alcohol and Drug-Free University Policy](#)
- [Technology and Network Policies](#)

Advising and Career Services (ACS) FMH 360, (503) 725-4005

Advising and Career Services supports the career development needs of all PSU students and provides academic advising for those who are exploring or changing majors. Students who have chosen a major may find information about Advising in their College/School/Department at [PSU's Advising website](#). ACS provides drop-in services, appointments, workshops and career fairs. Students can send general questions to askACS@pdx.edu.

Campus Recreation PSU Academic and Student Recreation Center (ASRC), (503) 725-5127

Campus Rec consists of the Student Recreation Center, Fitness Classes, Intramural Sports, Club Sports, Outdoor Recreation and Wellness Education. The Academic and Student Recreation Center (ASRC) offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities to the university community. Students, Faculty/Staff, Alumni and their Guests are welcome to use the facility as a recreational resource through the following programs. The many recreation facilities include a weight room, circuit training room, aquatics center, six racquetball courts, a squash court, tennis courts, basketball courts, table tennis.

Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) UCB 200, (503) 725-2800

The SHAC consists of Student Health Services and Counseling and Psychological Services. Their view of health is holistic and involves the promotion of physical, psychological, and intellectual well-being. Student assistance may range from a single discussion with a health or mental-health professional to a carefully planned program of individual care. Students taking nine or more credit hours are eligible for services at the SHAC. Please call the Center directly for billing details.

Campus Public Safety Office (CPSO) CPS Building, Emergency, (503) 725-4404; Non-emergency (503) 725-4407

The Campus Public Safety Office at Portland State University serves all students, staff, and faculty, as well as guests to our campus community. The office has a director, supervisors, and a full-time, 24-hour-per-day staff of Safety Officers, Police Officers and Dispatchers. Student staff members assist with escorts, dispatch activity and related responsibilities.

Disability Resource Center (DRC) SMSU 116, (503) 725-4150, TTY/Relay (503) 725-6504

The mission of the DRC is to collaborate with and empower students who have disabilities in order to coordinate support services and programs that enable access to an education and university life. To accomplish this goal, the

DRC provides pre-admission and disability counseling, educational training, advocacy, and a variety of accommodations for equal access to the educational process and campus life.

[Diversity & Multicultural Student Services \(DMSS\)](#) SMSU 425, (503) 725-4457

DMSS provides services to students who come from diverse backgrounds, especially those who have been traditionally underrepresented in post-secondary education. Their programs and services include diversity scholarship programs, ethnic student advising, Student Support Services/Educational Opportunity Program, Native American/Alaskan Native Student Support Services, and Upward Bound. DMSS also houses the Skills Enhancement and Tutoring Center, which is open to all students.

[PSU Dining](#) SMSU 260, (503) 725-3663

Chartwells is the food service provider on campus. A meal plan is required in the FYE program. The rest of the campus community has the opportunity to purchase an optional meal plan through PSU Dining. Meal plans can be used at Victor's Dining Center and dining can be used at multiple locations around campus including Branford Beans, Subway, and Smith Student Union Food Court and the Viking Pavilion.

[Information Technology \(IT\)/Help Desk](#) SMSU 18, (503) 725-HELP

IT and HELP Desk staff members are able to answer questions about computer hardware and software, networking, accessing the network, obtaining computer accounts, and much more. No appointment is necessary. Assistance is provided by telephone, email or on a walk-in basis.

[International Scholar Services \(ISS\)](#) KMC 660, (503) 725-4094

The ISS Office in the Office of International Affairs provides orientation, advising, and support for international students and visiting scholars. In conjunction with the Intensive English Language Program (IELP) and student groups, ISS offers programming and events, orientation resources for Portland and PSU, support for cultural adjustments, family resources, academic support, and scholarship and program information.

[Cultural Resource Centers](#) SMSU 228A, (503) 725-5342

The MCC welcomes all students, faculty, staff, and community members to share in dialogue and activities that further promote understanding among peoples of different cultures. It presents programs and events that promote appreciation for cultural diversity and serves as an informal gathering place for multicultural student groups. There is also open access to a small resource library featuring non-traditional books, tapes, and computer terminals.

[Office of Equity and Compliance](#) RMNC 830, (503) 725-4417

Discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, disability, national origin, race, color, marital status, veteran status, religion, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information or in the use of Worker's Compensation, Federal Family Medical Leave Act, or the Oregon Medical Leave Act is strictly prohibited by PSU policy. The Office of Equity & Compliance investigates complaints of prohibited discrimination and harassment and ensures compliance with federal and state equal opportunity laws and regulations.

[Queer Resource Center \(QRC\)](#) SMSU 458, (503) 725-9742

The Queer Resource Center provides students along the sexuality and gender spectrum with the support they need to persist to graduation. The Queer Resource Center's vision is to facilitate a campus environment such that

Portland State University is the higher education destination of choice for students, staff, and faculty along the sexuality and gender spectrum.

[Residential Leadership and Engagement Center \(ReLEC\)](#) Montgomery 010

The Residential Leadership & Engagement Center (ReLEC) is a pioneering endeavor to centralize our efforts around student engagement within the residence halls at Portland State University. Using University Housing & Residence Life's mission of student success and engagement as a guidepost, we have created an imaginative platform for enriching the student experience and designed engaging opportunities in order to create a sense of belonging in our residential communities. We offer social engagement events, leadership guidance and opportunities, a lounge to socialize in, and incredible student leaders and staff devoted to helping you find your community on campus.

[Resource Center for Students with Children](#) SMSU 462, (503) 725-9878

This department consists of the Helen Gordon Child Development Center (503) 725-3093, a full-service toddler and preschool program and laboratory serving children aged eighteen months to five years, the Children's Center, which provides a nurturing and enriching partial-day program for children ages 12 months through nine years, and Student Parent Services, which helps student parents navigate their multiple and often conflicting roles and responsibilities as a student, parent, and employee.

[Student Activities and Leadership Program \(SALP\)](#) SMSU 119, (503) 725-4452

SALP is a clearinghouse for student organizations on campus. Groups and clubs include academic, advocacy, arts, fraternities/sororities, honorary, multicultural, political, recreational, service, and spiritual organizations. SALP provides leadership opportunities and training and can help you find a club that meets your interests. They can also help you start your own organization!

[Student Legal Services](#) SMSU M343, (503) 725-4556

Assistance from Student Legal Services (SLS) is free. To be eligible for their services, you must be a current PSU student who is registered and attending classes for the current term. SLS will not provide legal assistance in student vs. student, student vs. Portland State administration, or student vs. Portland State faculty or staff disputes, but may provide mediation support, which may include advising the student through an established grievance procedure.

[Transportation and Parking Services \(TAPS\)](#) 1812 SW 6th Ave, (503) 725-3442

Parking - Parking is extremely limited on campus. Housing residents may purchase permits for Blumel, Ondine, Parking 3, University Place, and the Fourth Avenue garage. Blumel and Ondine Hall have parking attached to the building; this parking is available to all housing residents, regardless of their building. **Residents are not guaranteed a parking permit; they are sold on a first-come, first-served basis.** Permits may be purchased online before each term starts and from the PSU Transportation & Parking Services office. Email psupark@pdx.edu or call for more information. Residents should call Campus Public Safety at 503-725-4407 (general) or 503-725-4404 (emergency) for assistance with suspicious behavior.

Public Transportation - Most PSU students choose to avoid the hassle of bringing a vehicle to campus, largely because of the ease of getting around Portland without a car. An overwhelming majority of students use TriMet (Portland's public transportation system) to connect with the city: PSU is served by 15 bus lines, three light rail lines and the Portland Streetcar. [PSU Transportation & Parking Services](#) can help with route planning and transit

fare options, including a reduced-cost option for students below a specified income threshold. Email psupark@pdx.edu or call 503.725.3442 for more information.

Bicycling - Portland is world-renowned as the best bike city in the USA, and for good reason. We have hundreds of miles of bike-friendly streets & trails, bike parking at nearly every destination, and a year-round culture of events, businesses, and programs that encourage bicycling of every kind. As a PSU housing resident, a bicycle can offer a quick, healthy, and affordable alternative to getting around the city. Bike Parking is available at all residence halls and campus buildings. PSU Transportation & Parking Services operates the [PSU Bike Hub](#), an on-campus bike shop where students can learn to maintain their bike, drop it off for service, rent bikes, and buy parts and accessories at a discount.

In addition, PSU hosts four bike share stations for [BIKETOWN](#) and typically has over twenty bikes on campus. Bikes can be parked at any bike rack on campus.

Carsharing - For those times when you do need a car, there's another option: Zipcar. Students can sign up with [Zipcar](#) (an independent company). This car sharing service has over 30 vehicles in the PSU area that can be rented by the hour, the day, or the weekend. Rental prices include insurance and fuel.

[University Success East and West \(USuccess\)](#)

University Success (USuccess) East: Ondine 207, (503) 725-9890

University Success (USuccess) West: King Albert 010, (503) 725-4337

University success is UHRL's success center for residential students only. We offer a variety of services including free writing support, academic and career advising, counseling, free computer and printing access, and a safe and quiet study space and more. Our hours are Sunday from 5:00pm-10:00pm and Monday-Thursday 2:00pm-10:00pm.

[Veteran's Resource Center \(VRC\)](#) SMSU 401, (503)725-9807

The VRC is here for PSU Veterans to learn about the various services and benefits available on campus and in the Portland area. It is also home to the Viking Vets Student Organization. We have a lounge and study spaces complete with computers.

[Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#) SMSU 439, (503) 725-5672

The Women's Resource Center seeks to empower women and to encourage their active and equal participation in all levels of the university community and the larger society. They encourage the participation of ALL people in the community as they strive to provide a safe and supportive environment for self-identified women. Their values include social justice, community, safety, leadership and mentoring, diversity, and research.

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Emergency	911 (9-911 for campus lines)
CPSO Emergency	503-725-4404
CPSO Non-Emergency	503-725-4407
Broadway RA Duty Phone	971-246-1599
Broadway RA Duty Phone	971-246-1386
Blumel Hall RA Duty Phone	971-246-1387
Blackstone, Montgomery	971-246-1585
King Albert, St. Helens, Stephen Epler	971-246-1388
Ondine RA Duty Phone	971-246-1598
Ondine RA Duty Phone	971-246-6028
University Housing and Residence Life Student Services	503-725-4375

Student Support Services

<u>Service</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Location</u>
<i>Advising & Career Services</i>	5-4005	FMH 360
<i>ASPSU Student Government</i>	5-3454	SMSU 117
<i>Campus Information/Directory</i>	5-3000	
<i>Resource Center for Students with Children</i>	5-9878	SMSU 462
<i>Registration and Records</i>	5-3412	FMH Lobby
<i>Student Activities and Leadership Programs</i>	5-4452	SMSU 119
<i>PSU Bookstore</i>	503-226-2631	Urban Plaza
<i>OIT Help Desk</i>	5-4357	SMSU 18
<i>Copy Machines, Student</i>		Millar Library
<i>Credit Evaluation</i>		
- Admissions	5-3511	ASRC 520
- Graduation Registration	5-3220	ASRC 520
<i>Cultural Centers</i>		
- Multicultural Center Multicultural Center (DMSS)	5-5342	SMSU 425
- Organization of International Students OIS	5-8569	KMC 660
<i>Degree Requirements</i>	5-3438	FMH Lobby
<i>Disability Resource Center</i>	5-4150	SMSU 116
<i>Email account Computer Center</i>	5-4357	SMSU 18
<i>PSU Staff Human Resources</i>	5-4926	RMNC 518
<i>Escort Service, After Hours CPSO</i>	5-4407	CPS
<i>Financial Aid Financial Aid Office</i>	5-3461	FMH Lobby
<i>PSU Dining</i>		
- Food Plans	5-8990	SMSU 260
- Catering Classic Fare Catering	5-4526	SMSU 260
- Viking Food Court	5-4554	1 st Floor SMSU
<i>Graduate Studies and Research</i>	5-8410	PKM 184
<i>Office of Equity and Compliance</i>	5-4417	RMNC 830
<i>Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)</i>	5-2800	UCB 200
- Counseling Services		
- Health Insurance		
- Health Services		
<i>Housing and Residence Life Student Services Office</i>	5-4375	BDWY 210

<i>ID Card ID Card Center</i>	5-6333	FMH Lobby
<i>International Affairs Office (OIS)</i>	5-4094	KMC 660
- Peer Group OIS	5-8569	KMC 660
<i>Intramurals Athletics</i>	5-5647	ASRC 210
<i>Student Legal Services</i>	5-4556	SMSU M343
<i>Library - Millar Library</i>	5-5874	Library Circulation Desk
<i>Locker Rental</i>	5-2931	2 nd Floor ASRC
<i>Lost & Found</i>	5-4407	CPS
<i>Native American Student Concerns</i> UISHE	5-5671	NASCC
<i>New Student Orientation, Admissions</i>	5-5796	ASRC 101
<i>Outdoor Programs</i>	5-5668	ASRC 101
<i>Police</i> Portland Police	911	
<i>Post Office</i>	800-ASK-USPS	
<i>Queer Resource Center</i>	5-9742	SMSU 401B
<i>Radio, Campus</i> KPSU	5-5669	SMSU 119
<i>Reservations, Rooms</i>	5-4442	SMSU 435
<i>Scholarships - Financial Aid</i>	5-3461	FMH Lobby
<i>Student Accounts</i>	5-3440	FMH Lobby
<i>Student Activities and Leadership Programs (SALP)</i>	5-4452	SMSU 119
<i>Study Abroad</i>	5-4094	KMC 605
<i>Telephone Service, Campus Telecommunications</i>	5-4434	FAB 84
<i>Testing,</i>		
--- <i>Academic Admission Testing Services</i>	5-5301	UCB 310
--- <i>HIV/STD Health Service</i>	5-2800	UCB 200
<i>Ticket Sales</i> Box Office	5-3307	Viking Pavilion 281
<i>Transportation and Parking Services</i>	5-3442	1 st Floor ASRC
<i>Tutoring - The Learning Center</i>	5-4448	Millar Library, 2nd floor
<i>Transcripts, Records & Grades, Registrar</i>	5-3220	FMH Lobby
<i>Tuition & Fees</i> Cashier's Office	5-3670	FMH Lobby
<i>University Success</i>	5-9890	OND 207, KAH 010
<i>Vanguard</i>	5-5691	SMSU S-26
<i>Veteran's Resource Center</i>	5-9807	SMSU 401
<i>Wellness</i> SHAC	5-2800	UCB 200
<i>Women's Resource Center</i>	5-5672	SMSU 439
<i>The Writing Center</i>	5-3570	CH 188