Regulations for On-Campus Living
New Policies Effective 8/08

In order to maintain a safe and enjoyable community, it is important that all students understand what is expected of them while living on campus.
Residence Hall and Apartment Complex
Alcohol Policy

1) Alcohol cannot be possessed or consumed in rooms, suites, or apartments where residents are under the age of 21.
2) Alcohol may not be possessed or consumed in a public area of the residences. All areas in a residence hall, except for private rooms, are considered public areas. When the door of a private room is open, the room is considered a public area. Only those of legal drinking age may transport closed containers of alcohol.
3) Individuals under the age of 21 may not consume alcohol. Only those of legal drinking age may be served alcohol.
4) Individuals may not provide alcohol to anyone under the legal drinking age. Those who do are subject to penalties under University regulations and under New Jersey state law.
5) Drinking games or other behaviors designed for the purpose of rapid and/or excessive consumption of alcohol are prohibited.
6) At no time should activities which encourage excessive drinking and/or lead to the endangerment of the individual served take place in the residence halls.
7) All parties and social events which include alcohol in apartment and/or suite-style living environments, must be registered and approved by the Residence Life Coordinator no less than 24 hours prior to the event. All registration forms must state the type of, and amount of, alcohol to be available at the events, as well as the specific names of sponsors, monitors, and bartenders.
8) Students living in apartment and/or suite-style living environments who fail to register social events with alcohol, may lose their privilege to host any gatherings in the future, and may go through the residence life adjudication process.
9) No tap alcohol beverages, including kegs, are permitted in the residence hall rooms or suites. A ban on keg deliveries is imposed in the residence halls and suites. In apartments, a limit of one ¼ keg, is permitted with the permission of the Residence Life Coordinator.
10) At least half the beverages provided to guests must be non-alcoholic. Food should be available in sufficient quantities. One student must be provided to check IDs and one student to serve alcohol. Bartenders must be of legal drinking age. Sponsors, monitors, and bartenders must not drink or be intoxicated while serving in their positions and will be held responsible for the behavior and actions of those attending the event. All parties and social events must end by 1:30 am.
11) Those persons registering the social event are responsible for the behavior and actions of all persons attending the event.
12) The Residence Life Coordinator may limit the number of registered social gatherings in any hall or area.
13) It is a University regulation that parties and social gatherings involving alcohol may only take place on Fridays and Saturdays.
14) In accordance with the University and College policies, the Residence Life staff may intervene in, or terminate any parties or social events that are illegal, unregistered, or disruptive to the community.
15) Any student, regardless of age, found to be acutely intoxicated, will be evaluated by Emergency Services for possible hospital treatment. Any student, regardless of age, requiring hospital treatment, will be subsequently evaluated by the Alcohol and Other Drug Alcohol and Other Drug Assistance Program for Students.
16) All Residents will be held responsible for the behavior of their guest, which includes Rutgers students.
**Drug Policy**

Use or possession of illegal drugs may result in loss of housing without refund, mandatory assignment of substance counseling, and/or arrest. Distribution of drugs can result in permanent expulsion from the University.
Fire Safety Policy

Due to the extreme dangers presented by fire hazards in student rooms, the University will continually monitor all living areas through Residence Life Staff visits and formal, unannounced inspections by representatives of the University Fire Department, the Division of Housing, and Residence Life.

Prohibited Cooking Devices:
- Hot Plates
- Immersion Coils
- Electric Skillets
- Broilers
- Toaster ovens
- Hot Pots without safety shut-off
- Microwaves not provided by the University

Cooking is not allowed in residence hall or suite rooms, or in areas other than the kitchens of apartments or the community kitchens in designated residence halls.

Prohibited Room Heating Devices
Room heating devices not issued by the Division of Housing are prohibited in all housing areas. This includes all space heaters.

Prohibited Decorations
Oil lamps, candles, and incense are expressly prohibited in all residence areas. Decorative candles with wicks removed are NOT permitted. No more then 30% of the wall surface may be covered with posters. Large flags, fish netting, tapestries, or large cloth hangings are not permitted on walls or ceilings.

Other Prohibitions
- No flammable liquids, such as paint thinner, oil based paint, dry cleaning fluid, etc. shall be stored in any resident rooms or areas not specifically approved for such storage.
- No motorcycle, moped, or gasoline engine shall be permitted within any residence building.
- Fireworks and sparklers are prohibited in all residence halls, apartments, or suites.
- Extension cords exceeding six (6) feet are not permitted. All extension cords must be maintained in plain view. Cords may not run under rugs or closet doors, nor secured to building surfaces or furniture.
- Torchiere halogen lamps are not allowed.
COMMON SENSE RULES

Residents are urged to be fire conscious at all times. Observance of the common sense rules listed below will help to protect your life and perhaps save the lives of your friends.

1. Do not place combustible articles on radiators or radiator covers.
2. Do not attach anything to the ceiling light fixture or ceiling mounted sprinklers and/or smoke detectors.
3. Do not overload electrical outlets. Multiple plug adapters are permitted ONLY when not more than two (2) appliance cords are attached. Only one (1) plug adapter is permitted per wall receptacle.
**Guest Policy**

University Housing is provided for the exclusive use of Rutgers students as assigned by the campus housing offices. Guests are permitted for no more than three nights; all the while, residents are advised that they are responsible for the behavior of their guests.

A student may not permit visitors to use the housing facilities for any period of time, over the objection of their roommate(s), if it becomes a source of complaint by other residents or university staff, or when its use becomes, through duration or frequency, a de facto subcontracting of space to an unauthorized person. Violation of the guest policy may result in judicial action and/or termination of the resident's housing agreement and removal of the guest from university housing.

When you invite a guest to visit you, provide him/her with your telephone number and ask that s/he calls upon arrival. Do not prop any entry doors open, an alarm may sound and your convenience could lead to another resident being robbed or injured. It is your responsibility to meet your guest at the building entrance. Do not allow strangers into your home. Persons making deliveries are not allowed in the facility unless met and accompanied by a resident.
**Lounge Use Policy**

Lounges and recreational areas located within residence halls are for the exclusive use of Residence Life Staff including Hall Government officers and section leaders. Those staff members who hold concurrent positions with other student clubs or organizations may not utilize these spaces in their roles within these extracurricular activities.

All social programs must be sponsored by Residence Life Staff, Hall Government, and/or Special Interest Section Leaders.

Outside organizations may co-sponsor educational programs with Residence Life Staff and other in-hall leadership positions in accordance with the following criteria:

- Submission and approval of a proposal for co-sponsorship to the Residence Life Coordinator responsible for that area.
- All advertising must include the co-sponsorship of the Residence Life Staff and must be approved by the Residence Life Coordinator.
- The event must be open to all building residents and may not be limited to members of the co-sponsoring organization.
- The event must be in compliance with all Rutgers University and Rutgers Residence Life regulations including (but not limited to) maximum occupancy, fire regulations, security requirements, and alcohol restrictions.
Mural Painting Policy

Students who wish to paint murals in the halls in which they reside must submit a written proposal to the Assistant Director for Residence Life on their campus. Students must indicate in the proposal that they understand that they are accepting complete responsibility for the proper completion of the mural without damage to that hall.

The residents of each hall may be allowed to paint one mural in the public area of their hall. This mural may only be painted in the space designated, by the Assistant Director of Residence Life and the Manager of Housing, to be the appropriate place for the mural. This space will then be covered by the Division of Housing with greenboard. The image painted on the wall must receive prior approval by the Residence Life and the Division of Housing. An image will not be judged solely by its artistic value. The most important criteria in judging an image will be its appropriateness for a diverse residential setting.

Once students have begun the painting of the approved mural, they have one month in which to complete the mural. If the mural remains unfinished at the end of that time, the mural wall will be painted over and the cost of the repainting will be billed to the students who were approved to paint the mural.

Purchasing of paints and supplies must be approved by Residence Life. Painting must be supervised by building Residence Staff. It is the responsibility of the student painters to obtain the support from the Residence Staff to provide that supervision. Any damages caused by the student painters will be billed to the students who received approval to complete the mural.

Each mural must remain on the wall for at least three years from the time it is painted. No mural proposals will be accepted prior to the end of that period of time.
Noise Policy

Every student living within a residence hall at Rutgers University has the right to privacy in her/his own room. Just as a student has the right to reasonable protection against unwarranted physical intrusion, s/he also has the right to reasonable protection against the uninvited intrusion of noise. Each student should expect to be able to sleep, study, converse, listen to the music of her/his choice, etc. within the privacy of her/his own room, reasonably free from disruption resulting from the activities of others. No time of day or day of the week may curtail these rights.

A uniform noise policy has been adopted by Residence Life and is summarized here:

1. Noise, particularly sustained, electronically amplified sound, must not be readily audible within the private living quarters of other students.

2. The general noise level within the hall must be such that it does not interfere with the above-mentioned rights.

3. Sustained, loud noise originating outdoors but audible within residence halls or other University buildings will not be allowed.

4. Noise emanating from within one hall must not be audible within any other hall or University building.

5. No amplified sound is permitted at outside events without the prior permission of the Assistant Director of Residence Life.

As for specific hours and times:

- Courtesy hours are in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Quiet Hours are in effect, Sunday through Thursday from 11pm to 10am.
- Quiet Hours are in effect on Friday and Saturday from midnight to 10am.
- 24-hour Quiet Hours are in effect during reading days and exam periods.

Note: In apartment settings, there may be an extended quiet hour period for registered parties. Students living in those areas will be notified beforehand.
Pet Policy

No pets are allowed in residence halls or apartments except service dogs and other service animals in training.
Smoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited in all areas of all residence halls and apartments including those not owned by the university such as Rockoff Hall.
**Solicitation Policy**

No door-to-door soliciting or canvassing is allowed in residence halls or apartments at any time. University recognized student groups may request permission to have a table for solicitation in the main lobby of each hall by contacting the Residence Life Staff.

Public area solicitation is prohibited without explicit permission and instructions from the Assistant Director of the Campus. Residents should report violations to the Residence Life Staff.
Weapons Policy

All types of guns (including paintball guns, airsoft guns, pellet guns, etc.), bows and arrows, tasers, and all other weapons are prohibited in residence halls. Any device that has the appearance and/or function of a serviceable weapon or is being used in a manner of a real weapon is also prohibited in residence halls.

A "weapon" can be defined as any object or substance designed to inflict a wound, cause injury or incapacitate, or create a reasonable fear of harm, including but not limited to, all firearms, including air rifles and pellet guns; bow and arrows; ammunition; switchblade knives and knives with blades four or more inches in length; martial arts weapons; brass knuckles; explosives; and dangerous chemicals or poisons that are possessed with the intent to injure another or to cause damage to property.