

Residence Hall Policy Guide



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Residential Life

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Experience Residential Life at S&T

Our Mission

Residential Life is dedicated to providing an environment where students feel a strong sense of belonging and engagement from hall staff, peers, campus partners, and faculty. Our residence halls are your home and we are committed to supporting your personal and academic experience.

01

You Belong

When you live in a residence hall, you will have active engagement from your floor RA and hall staff. We host a variety of events centered around the residential experience. Whether you are looking for tutoring, faculty interactions, or community events, there will be a place for you.

02

More Than A Place To Live

Living in a residence halls, students will:

- » Create lasting friendships and feel a sense of belonging.
- » Strengthen your personal wellness through healthy choices and self-care.
- » Build confidence and develop skills that prepare you for your future.

03

Cultivating A Student-Centered Experience

Living on campus is about more than just where you sleep—it's an opportunity to build connections, develop new skills, and make lasting memories.

Throughout the year, you'll have the chance to participate in a wide variety of personal development and social programs designed to help you get involved and feel at home.

From community dinners, game nights, and movie nights to intramural sports, leadership workshops, study skills sessions, alternative activities, volleyball and dodgeball tournaments, and BBQs, there's something for everyone. We encourage you to step out, meet new people, and take advantage of the many opportunities available in your residential community.

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Benefits of Living With Residential Life



Experience More on Campus

Residence halls are intentionally designed to help you connect with others and make the most of your college experience.

When you live with Residential Life, you'll:

- Build lasting friendships with students who live on your floor and throughout your community.
- Connect with a diverse group of peers from different majors, backgrounds, and experiences.
- Feel a sense of belonging in close-knit communities of 30–70 students.
- Learn from others by living alongside both first-year and upper-class students.
- Create memories that last a lifetime through shared experiences, traditions, and community events.

Benefits of Living With Residential Life

Life Your Way

Your residence hall gives you the freedom to create a college experience that's uniquely yours while providing the support you need to thrive.

When you live with Residential Life, you'll:

- Choose your level of involvement with programs, organizations, and events that match your interests.
- Enjoy your independence while living in a safe, supportive community.
- Balance academics, social life, and personal time in a way that works for you.
- Take advantage of convenient resources like study spaces, community lounges, fitness opportunities, and campus services—all just steps from your room.
- Be yourself in a community that values respect, inclusion, and individual expression.

Studying in Your Hall

Each residence hall at Missouri S&T—including Rolla Suites, Miner Village, Thomas Jefferson, University Commons, and Residential Commons—is designed with community and collision spaces that bring students together outside of their rooms. These shared spaces make it easy to study, relax, and connect with others throughout the day.

Get Involved. Stay Connected

Campus life at Missouri S&T offers a variety of programs designed to help students connect, get involved, and feel part of a vibrant residential community.

- **Color Quest:** A year-long, hall-vs-hall competition where residence halls compete for the Hall Cup, building pride, spirit, and community along the way.
- **Faculty Fellows:** Opportunities to connect directly with faculty through office hours and engaging programs held right in the residence halls.
- **Miner Cart:** A mobile campus resource program that brings services and support directly into the residence halls for easy access and personal connection.
- **Residence Hall Association Events:** Student-led programs like Snow Ball, Glowbash, Fall Fest, and more that create fun opportunities to build community and campus traditions. Join RHA to be support your community.

Front Desk Support

Residents also have access to recreational and game equipment available for checkout at front desks, including at Miner Village, Thomas Jefferson, University Commons, and Residential Commons. With your student ID, you can easily borrow sports gear, games, and other items that help turn everyday moments into opportunities for fun and connection.

Services In The Halls That Support Your Success

In case of Accidents/Illness

For your protection and assistance, you are asked to report any accident or illness to your RA, who will be able to assist you with any special needs or accommodations you may have. If you need medical attention, Student Health Services is available to you and can be reached at 573-341-4284. In the case of an emergency, please dial 911.

ADA Accommodations

Individuals with specific considerations who require accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact Student Accessibility and Testing at 573-341-6655.

Bike Registration

Free bicycle registration is recommended for students, faculty and staff who ride their bikes on the Missouri S&T campus. Registering bicycles is a useful tool to aid in recovering a stolen bicycle because registered bikes are easier to trace. Bicycles should be locked and parked in appropriate racks.

To schedule registration services, contact the University Police at (573) 341-4300 or police@mst.edu.

Laundry Facilities

Laundry facilities are conveniently located in Thomas Jefferson, Rolla Suites, Residential Commons 1 and 2, University Commons, and in each Miner Village apartment. There is no cost for residents to do laundry in the building in which they live. The machines only support liquid detergent. High efficiency liquid detergent provides the best results with the machines. Please do not use any pods, powders or tablets.

Building Security

Maintaining a safe living environment is a high priority for Residential Life; however, the most significant factor in maintaining a secure environment is the support of the residents. Residents can help foster a safe living environment by doing the following:

- Lock rooms when unoccupied or when residents are asleep.
- Promptly report lost or stolen room keys to the front desk.
- Do not prop exterior doors open or leave lounge or hallway windows open.
- Immediately report any strange or unusual behavior or persons to the residence hall staff or the University Police.
- Keep cars locked when parking on or near university property.

Services In The Halls That Support Your Success

Keys & Card Access

For your safety and security, room locks are changed following the report of a lost key.

- Thomas Jefferson recore charge- \$100
- Residential Commons recore charge- 1 key \$100, 2 keys \$150
- University Commons lost temp card- \$25
- Rolla Suites & Miner Village recore charge- \$60
- Miner Village mail key replacement- \$5

In the event you find yourself locked out of your room, you can check out a temporary key at the your residence hall front desk. University Commons uses an ID card swipe access system, so no keys will be issued. If you get locked out, you may get a temporary card. Individuals living in Rolla Suites can borrow keys from the Residential Life office or Miner Village.

Mail

Each room has its own mailbox, so mailboxes are shared with roommates. If you receive a package that's too large for your mailbox, you will receive an email notifying you of the package at the front desk. Take your student ID to the front desk to sign for the package. Because of the volume of mail we receive, it can take time to sort through everything. Residents will receive an email from their front desk with instructions for pick up when their package has been logged. Mailing addresses can be found on the residence hall pages or in our resources and forms section of the website.



Parking

Missouri S&T requires parking permits for all campus lots (excluding metered spaces). License Plate Recognition (LPR) will be used to verify permits.

Parking permits are valid from August 1 to July 31 and must be renewed annually.

For more information visit:
<https://parking.mst.edu/student/>

Residence Hall Refrigerators

One refrigerator is provided in each resident room or suite at no additional charge. Residents also may choose to have their own refrigerator in their rooms provided it does not exceed 3.1 cubic feet in capacity. Rooms/suites may have no more refrigerators than beds. As with all other room furnishings, the university refrigerators may not be removed from the room.

Room Repair Resources

As you find it necessary during the year to have repairs made to living space, the following resources are available to you:

Internet (Ethernet & Wireless)

For any issues with Internet, either Ethernet or wireless, you will need to contact Boldyn by calling 833-548-7125, texting “ResNet” to 84700, or visiting MyResNet.com and using the chat feature.

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General Maintenance

For any room maintenance or furniture repair, please contact your RA who will send in a maintenance request for you, or go to the front desk.

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Maintenance Request Follow-Up

Once you have submitted the appropriate form and/or contacted your RA, please give 3-5 business days for the request to be completed (unless it is an emergency). If 3-5 business days have passed, please contact either your RA or the front desk in your area to follow up on the request.

When filling out a form or informing the support staff of maintenance needs, be sure to include details such as when the issue began or tends to occur, and as many details as possible about what exactly is not working. Requests such as, “toilet is not working,” are not detailed enough to offer the needed support. Instead include details such as, “toilet will not stop running after being flushed. The issue was first noticed yesterday afternoon.”

Your RA or front desk staff are also available to help you fill out the appropriate form and get the needed support.

03

Stolen Property

In the event of a theft, contact University Police immediately. You will also want to notify your RA. Your RA can support you as you work with the University Police to relocate your missing property. Since Missouri S&T is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property, it is wise to either obtain personal property insurance or arrange for coverage under your parents’ homeowners insurance. The best insurance, however, is to keep your door(s) locked.

04

Roommates and Roommate Assignments



Roommate Essentials

Living with a roommate is one of the most unique parts of the college experience. Every situation is different—some roommates become close friends, while others simply learn to coexist—but strong communication makes all the difference.

At the start of the year, your RA will guide you through a roommate agreement to help set expectations around things like study time, sleep schedules, cleanliness, and privacy. Even when you don't see things the same way, clear communication helps build understanding and respect.

Whether you're moving in with a stranger or someone you already know, you're both adjusting to a new environment. Your room should be a shared space that supports studying, sleeping, and having personal time—and that only works when both roommates are open about their needs.

When challenges come up, you're not alone. Your RA and residence hall staff are trained to help with roommate conversations and conflict so you can work toward a positive living experience.

Roommate Toolkit: A Guide to Roommate Expectations

Your enjoyment of life in a residence hall will depend, to a large extent, on the thoughtful consideration that you demonstrate for each other. Basic rights of a roommate include:

1

The right to establish agreed upon guidelines as outlined by a department of Residential Life roommate agreement.

2

The right to read and study, free from undue interference in one's room. Unreasonable noise and other distractions inhibit the exercise of this right.

3

The right to sleep without undue disturbance from noise, guests of roommate, etc.

4

The right to expect that a roommate will respect one's personal belongings.

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The right to a clean living environment.

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The right to free access to one's room and facilities without pressure from a roommate.

7

The right to privacy.

8

The right to host guests with the expectation that guests are to respect the rights of the host's roommate and other hall residents.

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The right for redress of grievances. Residence hall staff are available for assistance in settling conflicts.

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The right to expect reasonable cooperation in the use of "room-shared" space as well as "room-shared" appliances (university supplied microwave, refrigerator, etc.)

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The right to be free from peer pressure or ridicule regarding your choice to drink or not drink alcoholic beverages.

Housing Agreement

Residence hall housing agreements are binding for the entire academic year. Students who sign housing agreements are obligated to comply with all conditions of the agreement. Although students are expected to honor their housing agreements, circumstances do occasionally arise that make this impossible. The following are the three circumstances through which a student may be released from their housing agreement obligation.



Release from Housing Agreement

1) Housing agreements are canceled for all students who withdraw, graduate or discontinue their enrollment prior to the end of the academic year. The Agreement will be canceled after a student discontinues enrollment, sends a cancellation email to Residential Life at housing@mst.edu, and has checked out of their residence halls. Cancellation fees apply.

2) Students required to reside in university-approved housing may move into one of the affiliated fraternities or sororities, or Christian Campus Houses, as space permits. Before making such a move, the student must contact the Residential Life office with intent to move to their specific house. Residential Life must also receive a bid card from the house. The agreement will be canceled after a student takes up residence in another affiliated housing unit and has checked out of the residence halls. Cancellation fees apply.

3) The Housing Agreement is for the full academic year and may not be terminated. Students who experience significant changes in circumstances beyond their control which would prevent them from fulfilling the terms of the Agreement and which cannot be resolved within the residence hall system, may obtain an exemption request form from the Residential Life department. The request will be reviewed, and a decision will be communicated to the student in writing.

Submission of an exemption request form does not imply a release will be granted. If the student is released, the student will be charged through the day of checking out and returning the key, plus the smaller amount of the total balance due for the academic year or a cancellation fee of \$600 + pro-rated room and board charges through the date canceled, and the student will be liable for all sums accruing to Missouri S&T under the terms of the agreement prior to the date of termination. For additional information concerning parameters for exemption and release, contact the residential life office.



Returner Housing Registration

Reapplication is the process by which current residents choose their residence hall room or apartment for the following academic year. This process takes place in the Spring semester. Residents will receive detailed information in their student email late in the Fall semester regarding the following Fall semester.



Room Changes

If you desire a room change, there are certain steps that must be completed before you can switch rooms.

- Work with your roommate to resolve any issues utilizing your roommate agreement from the beginning of the academic year. Contact your RA if mediation is needed.
- Contact the department of Residential Life at housing@mst.edu to choose your room and negotiate a move date.
- Go to the front desk of the hall you are moving to and request to complete your check-in walk-through and to pick up your key for your new room.
- Move all of your belongings into your new space and clean your old room.
- Contact your RA to schedule a time to check out of your old room. If your RA is not available you can go to the front desk. You will turn in your old room key at the time of this check out. Make sure to complete all of this by the deadline date on your room change form.
- Failure to check out properly may result in additional charges.

Note: Room changes may not be initiated until after the second week of the semester.

Housing Policies & Expectations

This section provides an overview of the housing policies and community expectations that all residential students are expected to follow to ensure a positive living experience for everyone.

Residency Policy

Undergraduates attending Missouri S&T who have not yet completed 60 post high school credit hours, are under 21 years of age, or who have not completed four full semesters living in university-approved housing are required to reside in university housing or university-approved housing. Exceptions to the campus residency policy may be granted to students under certain conditions. The nine (9) conditions that can exempt a student from the campus residency policy prior to entering a contract are:

- Students enrolled and remain enrolled in fewer than eight (8) credit hours.
- Students residing with immediate family within a 60-driving distance of campus.
- Students who are married.
- Transfer students who completed at least 60 credit hours and have been enrolled for 4 semesters at an accredited college or university following high school graduation.
- Students with one or more dependent children in their custody.
- Students who are military veterans who completed at least two years of full-time, active military service.
- Students who have completed three semesters living in university-approved housing and have completed at least one semester of a full-time co-op or study abroad program.
- Students who completed two, full-time, consecutive semesters at Missouri S&T totaling 32 credit with at least a 3.5 GPA each semester; can demonstrate significant and active campus participation in a recognized student organization or significant experiential learning experience and have not received a sanction of probation, dismissal or suspension related to a violation of the University of Missouri Collected Rules and Regulations.
- Students with physical or psychological circumstances, such that the university cannot provide an appropriate housing accommodation.

Documentation for Exemptions

1. **Military Veteran**- Please submit military orders reflecting two years of full-time active duty military service.
2. **Married Student**- Please submit marriage certificate.
3. **Dependent Children**- Please submit birth certificate or custody paperwork.
4. **Part-Time Student**- No additional documentation needed. Records will be verified with Missouri S&T Registrar's office.
5. **Three semesters with a co-op or study abroad**- No documentation necessary. Records will be verified with Missouri S&T Registrar's office.
6. **Request to live with immediate family**- Students living with a family member within 60 miles of 300 W. 13th St., Rolla, MO 65401, will need to show two of the following from the family member in order to prove residence:
 - Driver's license with reported local address
 - Vehicle registration with reported local address
 - Voter registration card for the reported local address
 - Pay stub showing employment in the approved district

Note: Simply showing a lease signed by a parent or family member. The family member should be a parent, guardian, or sibling over age 21 who is enrolled at S&T will not be sufficient documentation to show permanent residency and obtain a waiver. In some cases, proof of relationship may need to be obtained if this cannot be determined from university records. Our office will contact you if this is needed.
7. **Transfer Student Records** will be verified with Missouri S&T Registrar's office. However, we may need a copy of your transcripts if not all of your credit hours have transferred.
8. **Two full semesters + active involvement Hours and GPA** will be verified with S&T Registrar's office. Please attach a narrative describing your active and continuing involvement for the past two semesters on campus and how you anticipate being involved in the future.
9. **Physical or psychological needs:** Documentation on letterhead describing the accommodation necessary must be submitted to Student Accessibility and Testing. Documentation must be from a diagnostic licensed, professional caregiver appropriate to the student's circumstance. Lifestyle needs will be reviewed by university officials to determine if an accommodation can be made or if the student should be eligible to live off-campus. Documentation only stating that a student should live off-campus will not be considered.

Housing Policies & Expectations Continued

This section provides an overview of the housing policies and community expectations that all residential students are expected to follow to ensure a positive living experience for everyone.

Non-Compliance

The campus residency requirement is a university policy. As such, compliance is a condition of a student's admission to Missouri S&T. Students who are included in the Campus Residency Policy must do one of the following:

- Complete a university housing agreement.
- Be accepted to live in a university-approved residence (residence hall, Greek, or CCH)
- Complete and have approved by the director of Residential Life, a Campus Residency Exemption Request.

For the Fall semester: One of these three options must be completed by June 1. Students accepted after June 1 must complete one of these options within two weeks of being accepted to Missouri S&T.

For the Spring semester: One of these three options must be completed by December 1. Students accepted after December 1 must complete one of these options within two weeks of being accepted to Missouri S&T. Students who do not follow one of the three compliance options by the stated deadlines will be given an administrative double room assignment in university housing. The semester rate of the assigned room as well as the cost of a meal plan will be charged to the student's account.

Health & Safety Checks

Health & Safety Checks typically take place once a semester in all living areas starting mid-September through mid-October in the Fall semester and early April through early May for the Spring semester. These checks are conducted to ensure there are no safety or maintenance-related concerns which need to be addressed.

Compliance during these inspections will be determined through review of items in the following categories:

1. **Health & Safety** – Concerns or violations that could pose a potential health risk or could threaten the safety or well-being of students.
2. **Code of Conduct** - Violations of the University of Missouri Code of Conduct or of university policies. All identified issues will be documented to be reviewed through the conduct process.

Health & Safety Checks Continued

3. **Maintenance** – Major maintenance issues that need immediate addressing or correction. Issues identified to be caused by neglect or misuse by residents may be charged to those deemed responsible.

Check-In/Check-Out & Damages

When you arrive to a residence hall you will be given an opportunity to review your room condition and let staff know of any concerns. Please notify your RA or area front desk if you find any concerns that require a facilities work order be submitted.

During the last two weeks of the Spring semester, your RA will have a floor meeting that you will attend to learn about the check-out process. *To request a check-out time at the end of the year, you will need to sign up 24 hours in advance by visiting your residence hall front desk.*

To prepare for your check-out, you will need to clean your space (including any shared suite/apartment areas), remove all of your personal belongings, and return furniture to the original position. An RA will walk through your space with you to ensure it is in good condition, and then you will visit your area front desk to return keys and finalize your check-out. Damage or cleaning charges will be applied to student accounts if spaces are left in poor condition or damaged beyond what would be considered typical wear and tear. See page 12 for details on how to customize your space appropriately to avoid incurring any damage charges.

If you need to check out of your room before the end of the year, contact the Department of Residential Life to request to terminate your contract. Please refer to the residency policy for more information on the conditions for termination of your housing contract. You will then need to schedule a time for check-out with your RA at least 24 hours in advance or contact your area front desk to request an on-call staff member assist with your check-out.





Customizing Your Living Space

While on campus, your room will be your home. Residential Life encourages creativity in customizing rooms in a fashion that will make it the most comfortable. These guidelines are established to protect the furnishings and physical facilities as well as to prevent any unnecessary safety risks. These guidelines are as follows:

1. Rooms must be returned to their original condition prior to a resident's checking out of the room.
2. A resident's personal possessions may be stored only in the resident's room. Additional storage space is not available in the residence halls.
3. Items may not be hung from the ceilings.
4. The following items are approved hanging-equipment however excessive use may result in damage charges: push pins, monkey hooks, or push pin hangers.
5. Glue or adhesive materials that may damage walls, floors, ceilings, doors or woodwork may not be used in rooms. This includes Command-Strip-type devices. Blue painter's tape is the only tape permitted on walls in the residence halls.
6. Electrical, telephone, TV cable and Ethernet wiring or outlets may not be tampered with or altered.
7. All university furnishings supplied with the room must remain in the room.
8. No university furniture should leave the location to which it is assigned. Lounge and common area furnishings cannot be brought into rooms.
9. No furniture outside of the university-provided furniture may be brought into a community space unless first approved by the Residence Hall Coordinator (RHC) of that area.
10. Windows may be opened only to ventilate a room. Throwing debris from windows, removing the screen, storing food or beverage containers, and placing stereo speakers or radios in windows are all prohibited.
11. Construction by students using power tools, saws, or heavy machinery is prohibited in the residence halls. Residence halls are not fitted for the safety requirements of this equipment and if a class project requires the use of such tools, residents may contact their professor or a resident hall coordinator to locate an appropriate space on campus for the student's needs.
12. Residential life acknowledges the significance of affording residents the opportunity for freedom of expression. However, the Residential Life department reserves the right to regulate the times, the manners and the places that residents use to express personal opinion, beliefs and perspectives.

Community Standards:

Behavior Standards in Residence Halls

The policies and procedures that are enforced in the residence halls have been established to help maintain a cooperative living environment that supports both the academic mission of Missouri S&T as well as allows individuals enough freedom to maintain a comfortable lifestyle. All members of the residence halls will be held accountable for observing the rules and policies contained in this publication, the rules and regulations of the Missouri University of Science and Technology pertaining to student conduct, and the terms and conditions of the Housing Agreement.

A resident of the residence halls is expected to abide by the terms and conditions of the residence hall housing agreement, including the behavior standards listed in this section.

The residence hall behavior standards are enforced with the procedures described in this section. They apply to students living in the residence halls and are in addition to the university's general Standard of Conduct for students. The focus of these rules is to create a comfortable, quiet community living environment that supports the pursuit of academic and personal goals of students rather than to restrict freedoms. A secondary focus of the residence hall behavior standards is to assist students in becoming more responsible members of the community.

It is important to realize that formal rules attempt to set standards to ensure that community members live together in a cooperative fashion. These rules, however, constitute only a small portion of what is necessary to ensure that residents respect each other and are considerate of each other's feelings, needs and concerns. Successful residence hall operations require the residents of each community to take the time regularly to discuss the positive and negative effects of happenings in their community and come to a consensus of actions needed to solve problems.

Appropriate Residence Hall Conduct

Participating in any conduct covered by the following misconduct policies will subject individuals to action taken as described in this following section. These policies apply to the behavior of residents while in the residence halls, the grounds adjacent to the residence halls, and all residence hall sponsored on- or off campus activities.

Actions and activities considered inappropriate include the following:

- Intentionally or recklessly causing physical harm to any person or oneself
- Setting or fueling a fire
- Unauthorized possession or storage of any weapon (Including, but are not limited to the following items: firearms, tasers or other electronic stun devices, sling shots, bows, arrows, BB guns, pellet guns, airsoft guns, paintball guns, martial arts weapons, hatchets, axes, kitchen knives with a blade longer than eight inches and any other knife with a blade longer than four inches)
- Use of traditionally outdoor sporting equipment or toy guns within the halls (Including but not limited to sports balls, hacky sacks, frisbees, Nerf guns, Koosh balls, and Orbeez guns)
- Intentionally initiating or causing any false report of an emergency
- Intentionally or recklessly damaging or misusing fire safety equipment
- Intentionally destroying or defacing university or private property
- Theft of property or withholding information about stolen property
- Intentionally or recklessly violating any residence hall policy that is either published in this document or advertised within the residence halls
- Intentionally harassing any resident in a way that interferes with his or her personal or academic pursuit
- Use, distribution or possession of fireworks, explosives, hazardous chemicals or inflammable materials

- Use, distribution, manufacturing, or possession of any illegal drug, unauthorized controlled substance, alcohol, or illegal paraphernalia
- Failure to comply with the directions of a Residential Life staff member acting in the performance of his/her duties;
- Noisy or disruptive behavior that interferes with the personal or academic activities of others
- Tampering with building windows, exits, locks or corridors
- Unauthorized possession, use, or duplication of university keys; • Throwing, dropping or causing any object to Fall from a building
- Intentionally tampering with any residence hall security systems. This includes, but is not limited to, altering or propping open any locked exit doors and propping open any exterior windows other than those in student rooms
- Acting as an accomplice with, providing false or misleading information or withholding information about any person violating any residence hall policy

Residents are expected to inform their guests of the policies governing behavior in the residence halls. Also residents should make their guests aware that guests who fail to observe residence hall policies may be denied access to the residence halls. Residents are responsible for their guest's actions and will be held responsible if their guest's actions are inappropriate.



Community Standards: Review & Resolution of Misconduct

Our Community, Our Commitment

Missouri S&T Residential Life is more than a place to sleep – it's where your Miner experience takes shape. It is where you will find your people, push yourself academically, navigate challenges, and build lasting connections and the skills that define your future. We believe every resident deserves to feel that they belong. You matter to this community and our community is better because you are in it.

These community standards exist to protect and preserve the environment where all of that is possible. They reflect our shared belief that every Miner deserves a home where they feel safe, supported, and empowered to pursue their goals. When we hold ourselves and each other accountable we are not simply following rules, we are actively choosing to be the kind of community where every student can thrive and every resident feels at home.

As one of our residents, you have the right to learn, rest, belong, contribute, and achieve your aspirations - and so does every Miner around you. With those rights comes a responsibility to uphold these same conditions for your fellow residents. The standards in this section are grounded in that shared commitment.

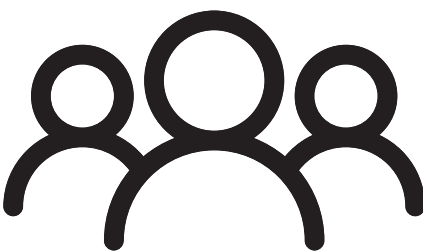
These standards apply to all students, regardless of whether they are assigned to university housing, when present in or around any university-owned or operated residential facility, including outdoor spaces, parking areas, and common areas. They apply equally to guests and visitors. Residents who host guests are responsible for ensuring their guests understand and follow these policies. Community standards alone cannot create the environment we are all striving for. What makes a residence hall truly feel like home is the daily effort of residents who choose to be considerate, engaged, and supportive of one another. We encourage every resident to participate actively in shaping the community they want to live in.

All residents are accountable to these standards, the University's Standard of Conduct ([CRR 200.010](#)), and the terms of their housing agreement. The policies that follow are upheld and consistently applied in partnership with the Dean of Students Office in accordance with [CRR 200.020](#).

A resident of the residence halls is expected to abide by the terms and conditions of the residence hall housing agreement, including the behavior standards listed in this section.

The residence hall behavior standards are enforced with the procedures described in this section. They apply to students living in the residence halls and are in addition to the university's general Standard of Conduct for students. The focus of these rules is to create a comfortable, quiet community living environment that supports the pursuit of academic and personal goals of students rather than to restrict freedoms. A secondary focus of the residence hall behavior standards is to assist students in becoming more responsible members of the community.

It is important to realize that formal rules attempt to set standards to ensure that community members live together in a cooperative fashion. These rules, however, constitute only a small portion of what is necessary to ensure that residents respect each other and are considerate of each other's feelings, needs and concerns. Successful residence hall operations require the residents of each community to take the time regularly to discuss the positive and negative effects of happenings in their community and come to a consensus of actions needed to solve problems.



Upstanders Make Our Community Stronger

At Missouri S&T, 80% of students say they would want a peer to step in if their health and safety were at risk. We ask every resident to be an upstander - someone who sees a situation and chooses to act.

If you see something, say something. You don't need to intervene directly. If you are present or aware of conduct that violates community standards, you are expected to report it to a Residential Life staff member or S&T Police. If a student's health or safety is at risk, call 911 immediately and if it's safe to do so, stay with them until help arrives. Failure to report a known violation or seek assistance during an emergency may result in conduct action.

Missouri S&T's [Responsible Action Protocol](#) protects students who seek help in good faith during an emergency. Getting someone help should never feel like a risk. Upstanders who report concerns and take responsible action are protected from certain consequences. Learn more about bystander intervention through our [STEP UP!](#) program.



Residential Community Standards

Our living and learning communities are built on mutual respect and shared accountability. Our community standards protect every resident's right to learn, belong, and thrive. The following conduct is prohibited in and around all Missouri S&T residential facilities. These standards apply in addition to the University's Standard of Conduct ([CRR 200.010](#)) - students are accountable to both.

Safety & Physical Harm

- Causing physical harm to yourself or another person, or engaging in conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any member of the community
- Setting or fueling a fire, or possessing open flame devices including candles and incense
- Damaging, misusing, or tampering with fire safety equipment including fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, smoke detectors, and emergency exit signs, including covering or disabling any smoke detector
- Deliberately triggering a false fire alarm or making a false report of any emergency
- Possession, storage, or use of fireworks, explosives, flammable materials, or hazardous chemicals in or around residential facilities
- Battery-powered conveyance devices including hoverboards, electric scooters, and electric bicycles may not be brought into, stored in, or charged inside any university residential facility. For more information review the campus [Hover Board, Electric Scooter \(and related devices\), Skateboard, and Bicycle Policy](#)
- Throwing, dropping, or causing any object to Fall from a balcony or building
- Tampering with building windows, balconies, exits, locks, corridors, or residential security systems, including propping open locked exterior doors.

Weapons & Firearms

The possession, storage, or carrying of any weapon is prohibited in all university-owned and operated facilities and grounds, including all residential facilities - rooms, suites, apartments, common areas, hallways, and building entryways. This prohibition applies regardless of whether an individual holds a valid concealed carry permit or is otherwise authorized to carry under Missouri law. This prohibition does not apply to firearms in a privately owned vehicle parked on university property, consistent with Missouri law and university policy.

Any object used in a threatening, careless, or aggressive manner may be considered a weapon under this policy,

Prohibited weapons and items include but are not limited to:

- Firearms of any kind
- Tasers and electronic stun devices
- Slingshots
- Bows and arrows
- BB, pellet, and airsoft guns
- Paintball guns
- Martial arts weapons
- Hatchets and axes
- Decorative weapons
- Ammunition
- Mace and chemical irritant sprays other than personal OC pepper spray of 2 ounces or less
- Billy clubs, nightsticks, switchblades, brass knuckles, and nunchucks
- Kitchen knives with a blade longer than eight inches
- Any other knife with a blade longer than four inches

One exception: personal pepper spray (oleoresin capsicum) in a container of 2 ounces or less is permitted for personal safety purposes.

Students with legally owned firearms including hunting weapons may contact Missouri S&T Police about secure storage options at police.mst.edu.

Hazing

Hazing of any kind is prohibited — including conduct that occurs in residence halls, off campus, or online when connected to any student group or organization, whether or not officially recognized by the university.

Hazing includes any intentional, knowing, or reckless act that causes or creates a risk of physical or psychological injury in the course of an initiation into, affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in any group. Consent of the person subjected to hazing is not a defense. Failure by any group or organization's leaders to intervene to prevent, discourage, or report hazing of which they are aware or reasonably should be aware is also a violation of this policy. For examples of hazing behaviors reference [CRR 200.010.C.19](#) or the [What Is Hazing](#) website.

Missouri S&T takes hazing seriously under university policy ([CRR 200.010.C.19](#)) and federal law. Report hazing [online](#) or email the Dean of Students Office, dos@mst.edu or University Police, police@mst.edu.



Residential Community Standards

Harrassment, Threats, & Privacy

- Threatening conduct is prohibited. This includes any verbal, written, or electronic communication expressing a serious intent to commit unlawful violence against a person or identifiable group that would cause a reasonable person to fear violence, regardless of whether the person making the threat intends to carry it out. These threats can include those made in person, through text or social media, in notes or graffiti, voice messages, etc.
- Conduct toward another resident that is severe or persistent and interferes with their ability to live in or access their residential community, including repeated unwanted contact, intimidation, or behavior that creates a hostile living environment is prohibited.
- Conduct based on a protected characteristic including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or disability will be referred to the Office of Equity & Title IX under [CRR 600.010](#) and [CRR 600.020](#) regardless of whether it also constitutes a residential community standard violation.
- Recording, photographing, or streaming any person in or around university residential facilities including rooms, bathrooms, and any other space where a person has a reasonable expectation of privacy without their explicit knowledge and consent is prohibited. Non-consensual recording in residential spaces may constitute a criminal violation under Missouri law (RSMo § 565.252) and will be referred to the Office of Equity and Title IX, the Dean of Students Office, and law enforcement as appropriate.

- Non-consensual sharing, distributing, posting, or threatening to share intimate images or recordings of another person, including images depicting nudity or sexual activity, without their consent and with the intent to harass, threaten, or coerce may constitute a criminal violation under Missouri law (RSMo § 573.110 and § 573.112) and will be referred to the Office of Equity & Title IX, the Dean of Students Office, and law enforcement as appropriate.

Alcohol & Substances

- Use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or sale of alcohol in or around university residential facilities is prohibited, except as permitted under the Miner Village Alcohol Compliance Process [BP1] for residents of legal drinking age with a valid compliance document on file with Residential Life.
- Possession of alcohol paraphernalia — including items used for storing or consuming alcohol, decorated or decorative alcohol containers, and equipment associated with drinking games are prohibited, except in Miner Village for residents of legal drinking age with a valid compliance document on file with Residential Life.
- Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of any illegal drug, unauthorized controlled substance, or drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
- Smoking, vaping, or use of any tobacco or tobacco-derived product in or around residential facilities is prohibited. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, cigars, hookah, pipes, oral tobacco, and any product intended to mimic tobacco use or that violates the [Tobacco Free Campus Policy](#).

Property

When property damage cannot be attributed to an individual, each resident of the affected room/suite/community may be assessed a pro-rated share of the repair or replacement cost. Report property damage to your Residential Hall Coordinator and/or RA immediately.

The following are prohibited behaviors towards others' property or space:

- Theft of property or withholding information about stolen property.
- Destroying, defacing, or damaging the personal property of another resident, guest, or university community member.
- Vandalism of university property or residential facilities, including discharging fire extinguishers, tampering with fire alarms, activating sprinkler systems, breaking signs, writing on walls, or damaging elevators.
- Unauthorized entry into or access of any residential facility or space.
- Unauthorized possession, use, or duplication of university keys or access credentials.



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Compliance

- Failure to comply with the directions of university officials, emergency personnel, professional staff, or student staff acting in the performance of their duties, including following emergency procedures (fire, tornado, campus threat), is prohibited.
- Providing false or misleading information to, or withholding information from, any university official or Residential Life staff member is prohibited. This includes failure to identify oneself to university officials or providing falsified identification.
- Attempting to commit, aiding, inciting, or encouraging another person to commit any violation of residential community standards or university policy is prohibited.
- Violation of any published Residential Life or university policy is prohibited.



What Happens When Student Conduct May Violate Policy

Any student conduct that may violate residential community standards or the University's Standard of Conduct will be documented by Residential Life staff and referred to the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office is responsible for administering the conduct process in accordance with [CRR 200.020](#).

Once a referral is received, the Dean of Students Office will contact the student directly. Students will be notified in writing of the allegations being made against them and provided with an overview of the student conduct process. Most matters are resolved informally by meeting with the Dean of Students Office. This meeting is the student's opportunity to share their perspective, ask questions, and work toward an educational outcome. The conduct process is designed to be educational, community-focused, and supportive — where the student has an opportunity to learn from the experience rather than focus on the outcome itself.

Outcomes are designed to be educational, proportional to the conduct, and reflective of both the impact on the community and the student's own growth and development. Outcomes range from a warning, educational program, or community service to disciplinary probation. In the most serious cases, outcomes may include separation from university housing or the university. For a full description of available outcomes and the factors considered in determining them, reference [CRR 200.020.C](#).

While most cases can be resolved informally, every student has the right to request a formal hearing regardless of the nature of the alleged violation. In a formal hearing, a student has the full range of procedural rights described below, including the right to an adviser, the right to review evidence, and the right to question information presented. **Presumption of Non-Responsibility:** A student is presumed not responsible for any alleged violation until a determination is made at the conclusion of the conduct process. The standard applied in conduct proceedings is preponderance of the evidence, meaning it is more likely than not that a violation occurred, consistent with [CRR 200.020.E.1.a](#).

Temporary Action

In situations where a resident's continued presence in university housing poses an immediate risk to the health, safety, or well-being of the residential or campus community, or their continued presence presents a significant disruption, the Dean of Students Office may impose a temporary action prior to the resolution of a conduct matter. This may include a temporary room reassignment, interim removal from university housing, or interim suspension from attending courses. Temporary actions are not a finding of responsibility and do not replace the conduct process. They are interim measures taken to protect the community while a matter is under review.

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Conduct Processing Fee

In accordance with [CRR 200.020.E.1.f](#), students and organizations who are found responsible for a violation of community standards or the University's Standard of Conduct are assessed a conduct processing fee. The fee structure is established by the Board of Curators and the amount is set by the Chancellor. The current fee is \$125 for individual students and \$250 for student organizations found responsible.

This fee is not assessed to all residents — only to those who are found responsible following a conduct proceeding. The university made a deliberate decision to structure the fee this way so that the cost of the conduct process is borne by those who require it rather than spread across the entire student community through student fees. Students who are not found responsible will not be assessed this fee.

For questions about the conduct processing fee, contact the Dean of Students Office at dos@mst.edu.

Retaliation & False Reporting

Retaliation against any person for participating in, reporting, or refusing to participate in the conduct process is strictly prohibited under [CRR 200.010.C.21](#). Any student who engages in retaliation may be subject to separate disciplinary action, up to and including removal from university housing.

False reporting — the intentional submission of a false report or accusation — is also prohibited. A report made in good faith, even if ultimately found to be unsubstantiated, does not constitute false reporting.

Students who believe they have experienced retaliation should contact the Dean of Students Office.

Student Rights in the Conduct Process

In accordance with [CRR 200.020](#), every student involved in a conduct proceeding has rights, including but not limited to:

- **Written notice** of the alleged violation, the policies at issue, and the time and location of any scheduled meeting or hearing, delivered to your university email.
- **Be heard** and have the opportunity to share your account, present relevant information, and identify witnesses before any determination is made.
- **An adviser** of your choosing who may actively participate in the conduct process.
- **Review evidence** gathered during the investigation, including both information that supports and information that does not support the allegation, provided in advance of any formal hearing.
- **Receive written notification** of the findings and any outcomes assigned
- For a full summary of your rights, reference [CRR 200.020.E.1.c](#)

Review & Appeal

Students who believe a procedural error, new evidence, or other significant concern affected the outcome of their conduct proceeding have the right to petition for review or appeal in accordance with [CRR 200.020.E.5](#) and [CRR 200.020.E.6](#). Contact the Dean of Students Office for details on the review & appeal process.



Additional Policies

Front Desk Services

Each residence hall has a front desk with a variety of services offered to residents, including mail services, space reservation, general information, and a collection of items available for check-out. The resident who reserves an area or an item from the collection will be responsible for the timely return and condition of the area or item. Students may be charged for damages, or may be charged for item replacement if items are not returned in a timely manner. For more information about desk services, please speak with your RA or front desk worker.

Lamps

Halogen lamps pose a threat to the safety of the residence halls when cloth, paper, or other flammable items are placed in contact with the halogen bulb. It has been shown that such contact can result in rapid ignition and combustion.

Only halogen lamps of 300 watts or less are permitted in residence halls. All Torchiere-style halogen lamps are required to be fitted with a protective wire or glass shield. Lamps with multiple poseable arms and plastic light covers are not permitted.

Students are expected to take the following precautions when using lamps:

- Never place lamps near combustible items (e.g. curtains, bed linen, window treatments)
- Never drape combustible items over the lamp
- Never leave the lamp on when leaving the room for more than 30 minutes
- Ensure that the lamp will not tip over

TVs, Stereos & Radios

Residents with gaming systems, stereos, TVs, or radios should remember to be courteous to their neighbors. The volume should be kept low enough that it does not disturb fellow members of the community. To avoid such disturbances, speakers are not to be placed in windows or doorways.

Prohibited Access

Residents are not permitted to have access to any custodial, supply, or mechanical equipment rooms. Residents also are not permitted to be on roof tops, in building attics or on the outside faces of buildings. Hallways, stairwells, and exits designated for emergency use may be used only for such.

Musical Instruments

Musical instruments may be played quietly in residents' rooms except during quiet hours. If at any time such activity results in a complaint, residents must stop playing. (Practice rooms can be obtained on campus from the music department).

Operating a Business

Residents of university housing are not permitted to carry on any organized business from their room 20 or within any university-owned or university-leased residential facility. No sign, advertisement, or announcement promoting such business may be displayed on the outside or inside of any university housing building or premises.

Painting

Residents are not permitted to paint their rooms. Painting inside a room could result in charges to a student's account for reparation of damages. Spray painting is never permitted inside the residence halls or in any Residential Life owned or operated building. Spray painting is only allowed outside with the use of Residential Life-provided drop cloths/protection to prevent painting on buildings, outdoor furniture, sidewalks, drives, parking lots or other surfaces.

Soliciting

Soliciting is prohibited in the residence halls and university property without prior authorization. If you see anyone violating this regulation, please report it to your RA or residence hall coordinator (RHC).

Quiet Hours

All residents should be able to sleep or study in the residence halls at any time. For this reason, priority is given to honoring these needs over other activities. Because there are times that quiet hours are seen as a priority by most residents, certain hours each day are designated as "Quiet Hours." Courtesy hours are in effect at all times not designated as quiet hours. Times designated as quiet hours on all floors are the following:

- **Sunday evening — Friday morning:**
10 p.m. — 10 a.m.
- **Friday evening — Sunday morning:**
Midnight — Noon

NOTE: When situations arise where residents are repeatedly involved in quiet hour policy violations through the use of musical instruments, radios, stereos or other sound generating instruments, the resident may be required to remove the item from the residence hall or the item may be confiscated and stored by Residential Life for a prescribed period of time.

Smoking

The use of tobacco-derived and tobacco-containing products is prohibited on campus. Prohibited products include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and vaping devices, cigars and cigarillos, hookah-smoked products, pipes, oral tobacco (spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snus), and nasal tobacco (such as snuff). The policy also prohibits the use of any product intended to mimic tobacco products or the smoking (inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying a lighted smoking product) of any other substance.

Additional Policies



Visitation & Overnight Guests

Residential Life seeks to have a policy that balances student safety, a student's desire to have guests and friends in their living space, and the rights of roommates to their privacy and ability to have full access to their rooms.

The Residential Life visitation policy allows for guests, both S&T students and non-students, to visit your common areas or private living areas within your residence hall within the following parameters:

Public areas (dining facilities, building lobbies, and reception areas): • Public areas include any area open to the public.

- Residential life reserves the right to ask any guest to leave who does not follow university policies and regulations or causes a disturbance to the community. Common areas (lounges, study rooms):
- Common areas include any area open to access by individuals assigned to live in a specific community.
- All guests must be accompanied by a current resident of that building and floor to which they are visiting.
- Residential life reserves the right to ask any guest to leave who does not follow university policies and regulations or causes a disturbance to the community. Private living areas (rooms, suites, apartments):
- Private living areas include any area only accessible to the individuals specifically assigned by Residential Life to that space
- .Guests may visit private living areas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. with the approval of all fellow apartment tenants, suitemates, or roommates.
- A resident's right to privacy takes precedence over the privilege of having guests. • Residential life reserves the right to ask any guest to leave who does not follow university policies and regulations or causes a disturbance to the community.

Overnight Guests

Overnight guests, regardless of gender, are allowed to stay in the residence hall at no charge provided all policies below are followed.

- Anyone within a private living space they are not assigned by Residential Life from the hours of 12:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. is considered an overnight guest.
- Overnight guests under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian's signature on the Guest Registration Form. The form must be completed and submitted at the residence hall front desk prior to the guest's overnight stay.
- Overnight guests may stay in private living areas with the approval of all fellow apartment tenants, suitemates, or roommates.
- A resident's right to privacy takes precedence over the privilege of having guests.
- ALL overnight guests must be registered with their residence hall front desk or through an online form.
- Any overnight guest may not stay more than three (3) consecutive nights in a row. Index of Policies
- A resident is allowed to host an overnight guest up to nine (9) nights within a month.

If a resident has a specific need in which they wish to request an exception to allow additional days for an overnight guest, they may contact their area Resident Director to make a request. This policy does not allow cohabitation in the residence hall rooms. Cohabitation is defined as any behavior indicating that a room occupant is sharing his/her/ their assigned space with any person not assigned to the room. Cohabitation is further defined as use of the room or assigned facilities as a living environment or engaging in behavior that infringes upon community members right to privacy, sleep, or study. Infractions of the cohabitation policy may result in the guest being immediately escorted from university property and/or the host being charged with a violation of the university's housing policies as governed by the University of Missouri Collected Rules.

Additional Policies

Room Cleanliness

University staff does not clean inside student rooms, suites, or apartments while they are occupied. While cleaning supplies may be available to check out at a residence hall front desk, students are solely responsible for the cleanliness of their own spaces. The relative cleanliness of your room is largely a matter of your own disposition.

Nevertheless, reasonable sanitary and safety standards must be met. If a room's condition presents a reasonable threat to the residents of that room, those residents will be given a prescribed period of time to correct the condition. If this is not done they may face disciplinary action and/or be required to pay the cost of correcting the problem. Some specific guidelines that must be observed are the following:

- Fish, deer, game, or lab animals may not be stored, cleaned or dismembered in the residence halls.
- Mechanical or electrical equipment not intended for indoor residential use may not be cleaned, disassembled, assembled, or stored in the residence halls.
- Only non-hazardous, commercially sold cleaning products intended for residential use may be used in the residence halls.
- Chemicals from university labs are prohibited in the residence halls.



Room Inspection-Bed Bugs

The best way to prevent bed bugs is regular inspection for the signs of an infestation. Students who suspect bed bugs must immediately contact their residence hall's front desk or contact their RA to place a work order. (Residents should submit their issue as soon as possible to ensure a timely response. university contracted technicians cannot be dispatched on weekends or holidays.) Students who find a bug in their room should take a photo or place the bug on a piece of tape to have reviewed by the residence hall coordinator of their area. Students should also stop by the front desk to receive a mattress cover to place on their mattress. This cover will help reduce issues until inspection and/or treatment can take place. All students are expected to comply with all instructions given to them within 24 hours once bed bugs have been confirmed within their living space.



Vandalism

The Residential Life department enforces the following vandalism policy (not limited to the following).

Vandalism is defined as: discharging fire extinguishers, activating the sprinkler system, purposefully triggering or tampering with fire alarms, destruction of personal property, damaging the elevators, and defacing or destroying the grounds, equipment, furnishings, and buildings of the residence halls (i.e. breaking walls, breaking signs, writing on walls, etc.) Penalties that may be applicable include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Activating the sprinkler system—paying for any damaged items and any clean up costs.
2. Discharging fire extinguishers—paying for any damaged items and any clean up costs.
3. Triggering or tampering with the fire alarms—paying for any repair costs.
4. Destruction of personal property—paying to repair or replace any damaged item.
5. Painting graffiti—paying for the paint and supplies to repaint and providing or paying for the labor to paint it.
6. Defacing or destroying the grounds, equipment, furnishings, or buildings—paying the cost to repair or replace any damaged items.

If damage in a common area cannot be attributed to an individual, each resident of the community will be financially responsible for a pro-rated share of the loss or damage. It is, therefore, in your best interest to immediately report to your RA all vandalism and damages. Interpretations of this policy will be made by the director of Residential Life.

Emergency Procedures



Fire Procedures

Any time a fire alarm is activated, all residents are expected to immediately leave the building.

In the event of a fire, **call 911** and follow these steps:

1. Once you hear an alarm, immediately prepare to leave the building. If possible, first put on a pair of shoes, and if the weather is cold, take along a coat or a blanket.
2. Before opening any doors first use the backside of your hand to feel them for heat. Never open a door that is hot to touch.
3. If a hallway or corridor is partially filled with smoke, crawl with your head about three feet above the floor. Never proceed into a hallway that is entirely filled with smoke.
4. Never attempt to use the elevators. Always exit through the stairs. While using stairs, always stay next to the interior stairwell wall.
5. After you are out of the building, stay clear of all exits and stay at least 50 feet away from the building. If you are aware of any persons who were unable to get out of the building, report this to a residence hall or university staff member.
6. If you cannot leave the building because you are trapped by smoke or fire, you should then enter a resident room, stuff a damp towel or cloth under the bottom of the door to prevent smoke from entering. You should then drape a sheet or towel from the window as a signal and close the window.

Fire Equipment

In most cases, residents should not attempt to use the fire safety equipment to extinguish fires. The hoses and extinguishers are designed to be used to either put out very small fires or to clear an exit through a fire.

Any person who is found to be tampering with any residence hall fire safety equipment will be considered to be in violation of the residence hall misconduct policy. These incidents will be resolved by using the conduct procedures outlined in this guide. Example of tampering with fire safety equipment would include but not be limited to the following:

- Activating a fire alarm when no fire emergency actually exists.
- Using fire hoses or extinguishers at any time other than during a fire emergency.
- Opening a fire extinguisher cabinet at any time other than during a fire emergency.
- Vandalizing any fire safety related equipment.
- Tampering or rendering ineffective any smoke detector or fire alarm equipment.
- Knowingly acting as an accomplice with any person involved in the aforementioned activities.

Weather Procedures

If the Rolla Police Department activates the outdoor tornado sirens, this means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar in or near the Rolla area. People in the path of the storm should take immediate lifesaving actions. Make sure you know the location of the nearest shelter for your location.

Tornado Watch

Atmospheric conditions are such that tornadoes could develop but no immediate threat. Residents should note the possibility of severe weather and be ready to seek shelter if needed.

Tornado Warning

A funnel or tornado has been spotted in or near Phelps County, and the weather service has placed the county in a warning mode. No danger for immediate vicinity, but potential for danger has increased. Residents may want to prepare for or seek cover, but left to the discretion of the resident. Apartment residents who live in second and third floor apartments should seek shelter with 1st floor residents.

Tornado Warning in Rolla

A funnel or tornado has been sighted in or near the Rolla area and sirens have been sounded. Danger exists in the immediate vicinity. Residents should seek shelter immediately. Seek shelter on the lowest level floor in a windowless bathroom or closet. Some residence halls will have designated areas for shelter.

Earthquake

INDOORS

1. All individuals should seek refuge in a doorway or under a desk or table **IMMEDIATELY**. Stay away from glass windows, shelving, and heavy equipment.
2. Once the initial shock dissipates, students should evacuate the building immediately, moving away from all buildings, trees, and utility poles.

OUTDOORS

1. Move away from buildings, trees, and utility poles. **AVOID DOWNED UTILITY LINES**. Make sure all streets are clear for emergency vehicles. Students should report to their RA or another staff member to help with taking roll following the earthquakes.
2. DO NOT re-enter the building as there are dangers of aftershock.

Severe Weather Shelter Locations and Instructions

Severe Weather Locations

Below are official severe weather shelter locations inside the residence halls.

- **Thomas Jefferson Hall** - North tower basement & the lowest level possible of the stairwells.
- **Miner Village** - Bathrooms in apartments. If you can, join someone on the lowest level of the building.
- **Residential Commons** - RC1 Basement, RC2 Basement bathrooms & lowest level possible of stairwells.
- **University Commons** - Room 122A on the first floor of UC (Multipurpose Room & Storm Shelter). •
- **Rolla Suites** - Bathrooms in apartments. If you can, join someone on the lowest level of the building.

Severe Weather Instructions

If you cannot get to one of the designated locations, follow the instructions to find the safest place possible.

- Seek shelter, preferably in a designated area. If that is not available, seek shelter in a basement or below-ground location. If a basement or below-ground location is not available, seek shelter at the lowest floor.
- Move to an interior hallway, under a stairwell, or a center room with no windows.
- Stay away from auditoriums, gymnasiums, or areas with a wide free-span roof.
- Stay away from outside walls, exterior doors and glass windows or partitions. Do not open windows.
- Stay away from windows or areas with windows or glass.
- Take cover under heavy furniture.
- Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down, and cover your head with your hands. Try to cover yourself with some sort of protection, such as a blanket or mattress.

Local Emergency Information

There is NO all-clear message sounded through the siren system. It is recommended that community members monitor local media sources or a weather radio during the storm so they will know when the threat has expired.

The following are a list of radio stations that serve the area in broadcasting local emergency information:

- **KZNN** - 105.3 FM
- **KTTR** - 1490 AM/99.7 FM
- **KMNR** - 89.7 FM
- **KDAA (SAM)** - 103.1 FM
- **KKID** - 92.9 FM
- **KUMR (SUNNY)** - 104.5 FM

Common Acronyms

- **TJ**- Thomas Jefferson
- **RC**- Residential Commons
- **UC**- University Commons
- **MV**- Miner Village
- **RS**- Rolla Suites
- **OC**- Outer Campus
- **RHC**- Residence Hall Coordinator
- **HR**- Head Resident
- **SRA**- Senior Resident Assistant
- **RA**- Resident Assistant
- **RHA**- Residence Hall Association
- **TJHA**- Thomas Jefferson Hall Association
- **RCHA**- Residential Commons Hall Association
- **UCHA**- University Commons Hall Association
- **OCHA**- Outer Campus Hall Association
- **NRHH**- National Residence Hall Honorary