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UC San Diego Graduate and Family Housing Community Standards

Introduction

At UC San Diego, on-campus living plays a crucial role in your personal and academic development as a student. The experience of living in a community setting encourages you to cultivate a sense of respect and responsibility toward others. Through this shared living environment, you'll engage with a diverse group of peers, learning to make informed decisions, exchange academic, social, and cultural insights, and navigate communal living respectfully.

In a group living environment, your actions have an impact on those around you. It's essential to recognize that respecting differences is a fundamental part of community life. Ignorance, humor, frustration, or substance use will not be accepted as justifications for harmful behavior. Cooperation, inclusion, and mutual respect are key to creating a successful living experience. Personal responsibility also extends to being mindful of how your daily actions affect your roommates and neighbors.

Building a positive and supportive residential community means that everyone, at times, must adapt their habits, attitudes, and beliefs to accommodate the collective needs of the group. Being part of this community involves balancing your individual rights with the responsibility to respect the equally important rights of others around you.

Your health and well-being are priorities in this community. We are committed to providing the support and resources you need to succeed as a student while living on campus.

Community Standards

In accordance with the UC San Diego Graduate and Family Housing Agreement, every UC San Diego student who lives in or enters our residential communities must comply with the Community Standards and regulations of UC San Diego, including, but not limited to, the UC Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline, UC San Diego Student Conduct Procedures, the UC San Diego ResNet Acceptable Use Policy, all applicable local, state, and federal laws, and the Residential Life Community Standards contained herein.

This document describes specific standards for Graduate and Family Housing areas and is incorporated into the Standards of Conduct within the UC San Diego *Student Conduct Procedures*. Violations of the Community Standards described below may be referred to the University's student conduct process. Conduct that also violates federal, state, or local laws may also be referred to applicable civil or criminal court processes. The standards in this document apply to Graduate and Family Housing residential areas only.

These Community Standards are designed to establish a safe and secure living environment and support your success as a UC San Diego student. Any student who anticipates or observes a potential violation of these Community Standards is expected to immediately remove themselves from the environment of the violation. One's presence during any violation of these Community Standards condones, supports, and/or encourages the behavior or potential violations.

Additionally, breach of any term/provision of the Housing Agreement may result in contract cancellation prior to move-in, termination of the agreement after move-in, or exclusion from future UC San Diego student housing application processes.

1. **Alcoholic Beverages:**
   Consistent with University Policy PPM 102.18 Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline and University Policy PPM 510-1 Alcohol Policy, the Graduate and Family Housing Community Standards below describe the applicable requirements, what is permitted, and what is prohibited in relation to alcoholic beverages in Graduate and Family Housing (GFH) residential areas.

   a. **Alcoholic Beverage delivery**
      Delivery of alcoholic beverages is only permitted for residents and additional occupants living in Graduate and Family Housing who are age 21 and over.

   b. **Alcoholic beverage paraphernalia**
      Devices and games intended for the rapid consumption of alcoholic beverages (e.g., beer bongs, beer pong, commercial dispensers, funnels) are prohibited.

   c. **Bulk Alcohol**
      Possession or use of bulk quantities of alcoholic beverages, beyond what is considered reasonable for personal use, is prohibited. Kegs and other large containers with alcoholic content are prohibited.

   d. **Gatherings**
      Social gatherings, where alcoholic beverages are present, are allowed based on the specific space and location. Attendees of any gathering must show proof of age with government issued identification upon request.

      Social gatherings in GFH living units, where alcoholic beverages are present, may occur so long as all other policies within these Standards are adhered to, they are not disruptive to the community, and do not pose a health and safety concern.

      Social gatherings in reservable GFH community rooms where alcoholic beverages are present may not exceed the posted room capacity or 18 participants, whichever is smaller. For gatherings larger than 18 participants, the host must reserve a space through the GFH online reservation portal and follow University Policy PPM 510-1 Section V.A. Policy on Major Events On Campus and permitting policies. This includes events hosted by student organizations or groups.

   e. **Over 21**
      Residents who are twenty-one (21) or older and their guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) who are twenty-one (21) or older may possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages in the resident's contracted apartment space and reservable GFH Community Rooms so long as they are complying with federal law, state law, and all other University policies.

   f. **Public Consumption**
      The consumption of alcoholic beverages may not occur in public areas in residential facilities, except for balconies, patio spaces, residential pool, barbecue grill, ping pong table, reservable GFH community rooms, or the residential pub/ pub area, unless following University Policy PPM 510-1 Section V.A. Policy on Major Events On Campus where use of alcoholic beverages have been approved for a UC San Diego-sponsored event.

   g. **Public Intoxication**
      Consistent with San Diego Municipal Code § Section 56.54, public display of intoxication in GFH residential facilities and grounds is prohibited.

h. **Residential Pub**
Residents consuming alcoholic beverages purchased from a GFH residential pub must follow all applicable federal, state, local, and University, and regulations relating to the facility operator's alcohol license. No outside alcoholic beverages are permitted in licensed areas serving alcohol. No open alcoholic beverages purchased from these facilities may be taken outside of the licensed areas.

i. **Under twenty-one (21)**
Federal law, state law, San Diego municipal ordinance, and University policies prohibit persons under the age of twenty-one (21) from consuming, possessing, soliciting, procuring, selling, or manufacturing alcoholic beverages at any time.

2. Business
Conducting business or commercial enterprises using any GFH owned or operated facilities, equipment, or services is prohibited. Except for food delivery, no resident may contract any vendor for services in the residential facilities without the prior approval of the applicable Residential Services Office. Residents may only sublet with approval from the Residential Services Office.

3. Campus Card
UC San Diego students must carry their Campus Card (i.e., UC San Diego student identification), provide it upon request to University Officials, and comply with the *Campus Card Terms and Conditions*. All other persons must be in possession of and present valid photo identification to University Officials or other public officials immediately upon request. Persons who fail to provide appropriate identification may be required to leave the applicable residential area.

4. Controlled Substances
Federal law, California state law, and University policy prohibits the unlawful possession, solicitation, procurement, sale, consumption, or manufacture of narcotics or controlled substances. Cannabis and cannabis products containing tetrahydrocannabinol and/or cannabidiol are prohibited in GFH facilities. The possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia, including, but not limited to, pipes, water pipes, roach clips, bongs, is prohibited in or around all GFH residential facilities.

5. Failure to Comply
Residents, guests, and additional occupants must comply with posted University signage and guidelines and with the directives of University officials and other public officials in the performance of their duties.

Additionally, residents must:

i. Answer their room/suite/apartment door while present in the residence.

ii. Immediately identify themselves, their guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s).

6. Fire Safety:

a. **Appliances**
Electrical appliances must be UL-listed and may only be used within the limitations of that listing. All appliances (e.g., cooking, portable heaters) with exposed heating elements are prohibited. Microwaves must be 750 watts or less and refrigerators must be 5.0 cubic feet or less. Heat-producing cooking appliances (e.g., toasters, electric grills, air fryers, water boilers,

coffee makers, rice cookers) must be used in kitchen areas only. Portable or installed air conditioning or heating units are prohibited.

b. **Burned Food**
Burned food may activate the building fire alarm. The resident responsible may be financially liable for any associated costs.

c. **Causing a Fire**
Causing a fire to start for any reason is prohibited. The responsible party may be financially liable for any associated costs.

d. **Extension cords and power strips**
All extension cords and/or power strips must have the following characteristics:
   i. Ground three-pronged plug;
   ii. UL Listing;
   iii. Plugged directly into a wall outlet (not another extension cord or power strip);
   iv. Adequately sized to handle the load; and
   v. Circuited and have an on/off switch (power strips).

   Flexible wiring (e.g., circuited power strips and extension cords) may not be extended through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors or floor coverings, or be subject to environmental or physical damage. Wiring including, but not limited to, electrical, telephone, cable, or computer wiring, from apartment to apartment or from room to room is prohibited.

e. **Evacuation Maps**
Evacuation maps may not be removed or altered.

f. **Failure to Evacuate**
Failure to evacuate immediately to designated assembly areas when a fire alarm is activated, even during a fire drill, is prohibited.

g. **False Fire Alarms**
Causing a false fire alarm including, but not limited to, pulling fire alarm stations without cause, and tampering with smoke detectors, is prohibited.

h. **Fire and Emergency Equipment**
Tampering with, covering, hanging items on, damaging, dismantling, deactivating, altering, or interfering with fire alarm pull stations, smoke and heat detectors, fire extinguishers, hoses, fire sprinkler systems, EXIT signs, and emergency lighting or any other fire/emergency equipment is prohibited.

i. **Fire Doors**
Bypassing or disabling safety design features by obstructing, propping, or blocking doors and/or latches is prohibited.

j. **Flammable, Explosive, or Corrosive Substances**
Storage or use of flammable liquids, fireworks, compressed gas canisters, photo developing chemicals, or corrosive materials, in any quantity, is prohibited in or around GFH facilities. No machines with flammable or corrosive materials can be brought into or stored in or around GFH facilities.

k. **Halogen Lamps**
Halogen lamps are prohibited.

l. **Open Flames**
Use of candles, charcoal grills, incense, tiki torches, or any other open flames are prohibited in or around GFH facilities. Personal barbecues, including, but not limited to, electric barbecues, smokers, and similar products, are prohibited in all GFH facilities. Propane gas and charcoal for barbecues may not be stored in or around any GFH facility. Gas barbecues are available for resident use in designated locations.

7. Guests and Additional Occupants

A resident is defined as the UC San Diego-affiliated person contracted to live in University housing, or primary resident. An additional occupant is defined as the person(s) contracted to live in a Graduate and Family Housing space with the resident. A guest is defined as anyone not contracted to live in the residential space being visited (e.g., individual room, suite, and/or apartment). During special events or unique circumstances (e.g., public health concerns), additional restrictions may be implemented for guest(s) and additional occupant(s).

a. Restrictions may be placed on guest visitation to mitigate the risks associated with public health concerns (e.g., COVID-19), except for necessary care givers. These restrictions may be more conservative than the orders issued by the County, State, or Federal Health Officer, and may consider the orders in addition to guidance concerning Institutions of Higher Education, federal, state, and local law, or University policy.

b. Residents are responsible for and may be held accountable for the behavior of their guests and additional occupants. Guests or additional occupants who violate University policy, including these Standards, may be asked to leave the residential community on a temporary or permanent basis.

c. Residents must properly and accurately identify guests and additional occupants to University or Public Officials upon request.

d. Overnight guests of GFH residents are permitted to stay for up to two consecutive weeks at a time with approval of the other occupants of the unit. Reoccurring overnight stays by the same guest is prohibited.

e. Guests may not sleep in any community room or space.

8. Health and Safety

Students present in University owned, operated or leased facilities must not engage in conduct threatening the health or safety of any person, and must comply with any enhanced guidance imposed to mitigate the risks associated with public health concerns (e.g., physical distancing, masking, sequestration, isolation housing).These restrictions may be more conservative than the Orders issued by county, state, or federal health officials and may consider the orders in addition to guidance concerning institutions of Higher Education, federal, state, and local law, or University policy.

9. Micromobility Devices

Micromobility devices are electric and non-electric means of personal transportation which include but is not limited to bicycles, unicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, and roller blades.

a. Use, possession, and storage of hoverboards is prohibited from all residential facilities.

b. The use of any other micromobility device is prohibited inside any GFH- owned or operated facilities.

c. Micromobility devices may not be stored in stairwells, common areas, and lounges and cannot be locked to handrails, trees, or signposts.

d. Micromobility devices may not block entrances, exits, or sidewalks around residential facilities.

e. Residents may not use their room and its utilities to charge any electronic micromobility device (such as an e-scooter) that is owned by someone other than Resident in exchange for

f. compensation received by Resident.

g. Performing tricks on micromobility devices is prohibited in or around all residential facilities.

10. Motorized Vehicles

Motorized vehicles including, but not limited to, motorcycles, motor scooters, and motorbikes are prohibited inside GFH facilities. Motorized vehicles must be parked in designated parking spaces. Posted parking signage, local and state parking rules and regulations, and University policy PPM 545-2 Parking Permits & Policies must be complied with at all times.

11. Noise

All residents, additional occupants, and guests are expected to be considerate of noise levels at all times. Noise including, but not limited to, voices, amplified music, televisions, musical instruments, and computers must be maintained at a level that does not disturb others. Unreasonable noise is defined as any noise that disrupts or potentially disrupts the use or enjoyment of one's residence. Unreasonable noise affecting study or sleep at any time is prohibited.

Quiet hours start at 10pm each Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and end at 8am the following morning and start at 11pm each Saturday and Sunday, and end at 8am the following morning, where unreasonable noise is prohibited in all residential facilities and grounds. Twenty-four-hour quiet hours are in effect in all residential communities during UC San Diego designated finals weeks.

12. Posting/Distribution/Solicitation

All posting, distribution, or solicitation in the public areas of GFH facilities, including residential pubs and markets must be approved by the Residential Services Office responsible for the specific facility.

Posting on exterior buildings, dumpsters, mailboxes, light poles, shuttle stops, residential bridge, or any other exterior location other than community bulletin boards is not permitted, unless approved by the Residential Services Office.

13. Residential Facilities

a. **Alteration/Construction**

Alteration or construction of any kind in or outside of your GFH residential space is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, using heavy building materials; installing front screen doors; building platforms, lofts, or shelving units inside your GFH residential space or on the patio or balcony; installing paneling, closet organizers, mirrors, cork, bottle caps, or track lighting; or installing bamboo covering on the patio or balcony above railing.

b. **Balconies/Window Ledges**
Balconies, ledges, window ledges, and sunshades may not have any items hanging from them or covering them. They may not contain decorative items, food storage, trash, trash containers, items to be recycled, or recycling containers.

c. **Cleanliness**
Residents are responsible for maintaining a clean, sanitary, hygienic, and hazard-free living environment. Residents may be responsible for administrative charges and/or other sanctions due to excessive cleaning that must be performed by University and/or University-contracted staff.

d. **Closet/Cabinet Doors**
Removing closet or cabinet doors is prohibited. If doors are removed, they must be re-installed immediately, and the student will be assessed an administrative charge for reinstallation/repair.

e. **Damage/Theft**
Consistent with University Policy PACAOS 102.04 Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline, damage, theft or aiding in theft of personal property is prohibited in GFH communities. Possession of stolen property is also prohibited.

f. **Decorations**
Corridor, room, and common area decorations must comply with EH&S standards. Damages resulting from violating these Community Standards may be assessed to the resident(s). The following guidelines must be followed:
   i. Decorative materials are not permitted in corridors.
   ii. Obstruction of exit signs, fire alarms, extinguishers, sprinkler heads, or hose cabinets is prohibited. No items may be affixed or adhered to any ceiling and no ceiling may be altered by painting.
   iii. Items hanging from any wall must be mounted with removable adhesive strips or painter's tape.

g. **Doors/Walls**
Written messages, tacks, or tape (other than painter's tape) placed directly on any door or wall is prohibited. Walls may not be altered.

h. **Door Closure Devices**
Tampering with, replacing, or altering door closure devices is prohibited. Propping of doors is prohibited. Door closure devices must be in working order. If a door closure device has been tampered with, those responsible will be charged for repair costs.

i. **Elevators**
Tampering with, misuse of, or vandalism of elevators is prohibited by law. Exceeding the maximum occupancy of an elevator is prohibited. Those responsible for such activities will be charged for applicable cleaning or repair costs.

j. **Furniture**
Moving furniture and other University furnishings from rooms, apartments, or public areas is prohibited. It is prohibited to remove or move indoor University-owned furniture from rooms, apartments, and public areas to outdoor areas. Responsible parties may be assessed any labor

costs associated with returning the furniture and furnishings to its appropriate location or its replacement.

k. **Improper Disposal**
Improper disposal of items is prohibited. Residents may be responsible for administrative charges and/or other sanctions due to work that must be performed by University and/or University- contracted staff to repair clogs or other damage caused by improper disposal of items. The following guidelines must be followed:
   i. Oil, fat, and grease must be cooled and disposed of in closed containers in regular trash.
   ii. Only human waste and toilet tissue are permitted to be flushed down toilets. Flushing feminine hygiene products, paper towers, dental floss, wipes, or any other object is prohibited.

l. **Keys/Key Cards**
Duplication or use of any University-issued key or key card without prior authorization is prohibited. Providing false information to obtain a University key or access card is also prohibited.

m. **Painting**
Painting the interior or exterior of any GFH residential facility, surface, or grounds is prohibited.

n. **Prohibited Items**
The following items are prohibited in all GFH facilities: security cameras, bidets, waterbeds, live- cut trees, traffic or construction signs, sun tanning equipment, weightlifting and fitness equipment, pools, lock picking devices, and large personal appliances.

o. **Unapproved Animals**
   i. Unauthorized pets and other animals are prohibited in all GFH facilities and on all grounds, including visiting pets and pet sitting, unless approved by the Residential Services Office.
   ii. Approved animals must not be left unattended for extended periods of time.
   iii. Fish tanks and aquariums must not exceed 30 gallons, with a limit of one per apartment.

p. **Recycling and Trash**
All recycling and trash should be regularly taken to designated recycling and trash containers. If recycling or trash from a room or apartment is found in non-designated areas (e.g., outside door, on the balcony), residents will be responsible for its appropriate removal and cleaning, and any related administrative charges.

q. **Roofs/Rails/Ledges**
Scaling or climbing walls, traversing to/from balconies, patios, and/or accessing roofs, rails, and ledges of all GFH residential facilities is prohibited. Placing objects on the roofs, rails, or ledges, or throwing objects to or from the roofs, rails, or ledges of any residential facility is prohibited.

r. **Security**
Bypassing, tampering with, or disabling residential security features is prohibited. Allowing apartment or building access to unauthorized persons is prohibited. Installing personal locks on apartment cabinets and doors is prohibited.

s. **Unauthorized Entry**
Unauthorized entry is prohibited. Granting room, apartment, and/or building access to unauthorized persons is prohibited.

t. **Unauthorized Use of Facilities and Public Areas**

i. Engaging in activities that disrupt the normal operations of GFH communities or pose a safety risk is prohibited.

ii. Organizing or participating in events without prior approval from the Residential Services Office is prohibited.

iii. Use of residential facilities and public areas by outside organizations or the general public is limited and must receive prior approval from the Residential Services Office responsible for the space. Public areas are generally defined as any residential space, excluding the interiors of apartments. All public areas must be kept free of obstructions. Additionally, applicable events must abide by the University policy PPM 510-1 Section V.A Policy on Major Events on Campus.

u. **Windows and Screens**

Throwing to or from, dropping, or allowing any object to fall from any window, climbing in or out of windows, or the removal of window screens is prohibited. Any weather-related damage that occurs to a room because of a resident not closing a window will be billed to the resident(s) responsible for the damage. Additionally, residents may not cover, post, or hang items from exterior windows or window ledges.

14. Smoke and Tobacco Free Environment

Consistent with University Policy PPM 270-7 Smoke & Tobacco-Free Policy, smoking, vaping, and tobacco use of any kind is not permitted in any area within or around GFH.

15. Weapons and Explosives

Consistent with University Policy PPM 102.20 Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline, possession of any device resembling a firearm, including, but not limited to, airsoft, paintball, bb guns, and nerf-type guns is prohibited.

Consistent with University Policy PPM 102.19 Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline, possession of ammunition, stun guns, daggers, knives with a fixed blade over 2.5 inches (except those used to cook), martial arts equipment, slingshots, spear guns, bows and arrows, laser pointing devices and Taser guns is prohibited. The improper discharge of a chemical agent including, but not limited to, mace, pepper spray, or other aerosols is prohibited.