

UC San Diego Residential Life Community Standards (Updated September 15, 2022)

Introduction

At UC San Diego, we believe you will find living on campus is an integral part of your education. As a result of your community living experience, we hope that you will develop a concern and respect for others; make responsible choices and decisions; share your academic, social, and cultural experience with other students; and learn to live peacefully in close quarters with a diverse group of people.

It is important to realize that students living in a group environment affect each other's lives in many ways. We strongly believe that one's actions demonstrate one's commitment to respecting differences. In addition, we will not accept ignorance, humor, anger, alcohol or substance abuse as an excuse, reason, or rationale for behavior. Certain shared responsibilities such as cooperation, inclusion, and respect are integral to any successful group living situation. It also means accepting personal responsibility for how your everyday actions affect others living with you as roommates and neighbors. Establishing a positive and supportive residential environment means everyone in the community must make occasional adjustments in personal habits, attitudes, and beliefs. Successful on-campus living means exercising your rights while recognizing your responsibilities in respecting the equally legitimate rights of the other members in your community.

Community Standards

In accordance with the [University of California San Diego Housing Contract](#), every UC San Diego student who lives in or enters our residential communities must abide by the Community Standards and regulations of UC San Diego, including, but not limited to, the [UC San Diego Student Conduct Procedures](#), the [UC San Diego RESNET Acceptable Use Policy](#), all applicable local, state, and federal laws, and the Housing Community Standards contained herein.

This document describes residential-area specific policies and is incorporated into the Standards of Conduct within the UC San Diego Student Conduct Procedures. Violations of the Community Standards described below may become the basis for a referral to the student conduct process.

These Community Standards are in place to establish a safe and secure living environment and to 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 in which the violation may occur. One's presence during any violation of these Community Standards ultimately condones, supports, and/or encourages the behavior or potential violation of these Community Standards.

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

1. Alcohol:

- a. **Under twenty-one (21):** Federal law, California state law, and University policies prohibit persons under the age of twenty-one (21) from consuming, possessing, soliciting, procuring, selling, or manufacturing alcohol at any time. Persons under the age of twenty-one (21) in the presence of alcohol with or without objective signs of intoxication may be in violation of these Community Standards. Alcohol possession or consumption which can be detected from outside the room/suite/apartment will result in further inquiry and may be a violation of these Community Standards;
- b. **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 alcohol in the resident's contracted apartment space and specific Graduate and Family Housing (GFH) [Community spaces](#) as designated by the Associate Vice Chancellor of Housing Dining Hospitality or their designee so long as they are following Federal law, California law, and all other University policies. Manufacturing alcohol or providing alcohol to those under the age of 21 is prohibited;
- c. **Roommates:** Residents who are under twenty-one (21) and who have roommates who are twenty- one (21) or over may be present in their residence when their roommate is consuming alcohol, but may neither consume nor possess any alcohol at any time;
- d. **Alcohol paraphernalia:** Devices and games intended for the rapid consumption of alcohol (e.g., beer bong, beer pong, commercial dispensers, etc.) are prohibited whether or not alcohol is present. The presence of any open, full, or empty alcohol containers will be interpreted as possession of alcohol;
- e. **Bulk Alcohol:** Possession of bulk quantities of alcohol is prohibited, including kegs and punch bowls. Residents who are 21 years old or older may individually have in their possession no more than the following amounts of alcohol at any time: 72 ounces of beer including wine coolers, hard ciders, twisted teas, and other 12-ounce containers; OR 25 ounces (750 milliliters) of wine; OR 6.8 ounces (200 milliliters) of hard liquor. No alcohol stronger than 80 proof is permitted. Limits apply to full, partially full, or empty alcoholic beverage containers;
- f. **Alcohol delivery:** Only permitted for individuals living in Graduate and Family Housing who are age 21 and over. In Single Undergraduate Housing, regardless of age, alcohol delivery from any source is prohibited;
- g. **Gatherings:** Social gatherings, where alcohol is present, are allowed provided all guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) are 21 years or older and attendance at the gathering does not exceed two (2) guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) per resident of the room/apartment. Hosting of multiple room gatherings where the consumption of alcoholic beverages takes place and where people move from one room to another is prohibited. This regulation applies even if all rooms involved are within allowable guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) limits. Social gatherings in designated Graduate and Family Housing spaces (see list at the end of this document) where alcohol is present, may not exceed the posted room capacity or 18 participants, whichever is smaller. Attendees of any gathering must be able to show proof of age with government issued identification upon request. For gatherings larger than 18 participants, the host must reserve a space through the [GFH online reservation portal](#) and follow [UC San Diego event](#) and permitting policies. This includes events hosted by student organizations or groups;

facilities without the prior approval of your housing office. This standard also prohibits residents from renting or leasing their contracted space in undergraduate housing.

5. **Campus Card:** UC San Diego students must carry their Campus Card (i.e., UC San Diego student identification) and abide by the *Campus Card Terms and Conditions* at all times.
6. **Child Welfare/Care of Minors:** Residents, and not the University, are responsible for supervising their children or children in their care (i.e., individuals <18 years old) to prevent harm to them or to other individuals or damage to property.
7. **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 Housing*Dining*Hospitality facilities. In addition, the Residential Community Standards provide that:
 - a. Possession or consumption of controlled substances that can be detected from outside the room/suite/apartment will result in further inquiry and may be a violation of these Community Standards;
 - b. Persons in the presence of controlled substances, with or without objective signs of intoxication, may be in violation of these Community Standards.
 - c. The possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia is prohibited in or around all residential facilities; and,
 - d. The use of any prescribed medication, over the counter drugs, and other controlled substances in an abusive or recreational manner is prohibited. Prescription medication may only be used or possessed by the person to whom it is prescribed.
8. **Failure to Comply:** Residents and their guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) must comply with the directives of University and public officials in the performance of their duties. Specifically, residents must:
 - a. Answer their room/suite/apartment door while present in the residence;
 - b. Immediately produce their UC San Diego Campus Card and/or government issued identification upon request; and,
 - c. Immediately identify their guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s).
9. **Fire Policy:**
 - a. **Appliances:** Every electrical appliance must be UL-listed and may only be used within the limitations of that listing. All appliances (e.g., cooking, portable heaters, etc.) 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, water boilers, coffee makers, rice cookers, etc.) must be used in kitchen areas only. Portable or installed air conditioning or heating units are prohibited;
 - b. **Causing a Fire:** Residents may not cause a fire to start for any reason, whether the cause was intentional or by accident. The resident responsible may be financially liable for any associated costs;
 - c. **Burnt Food:** Burned food may activate the building fire alarm and the resident responsible may be financially liable for any associated costs;
 - d. **Evacuation Maps:** Evacuation maps may not be removed or altered;

- e. **Extension cords and power strips** – All extension cords and/or power strips must have the following components: 1) Must be three-pronged; 2) Must be UL Listed; 3) Must be plugged directly into a wall outlet (not another extension cord or power strip); 4) Must be sized adequately to handle the load; and, 5) Power strips must be circuited and have an on/off switch. Extension cords may only be used on a temporary basis and not as a substitute for permanent wiring. A power strip with a built-in breaker may be used in place of an extension cord for low-draw appliances (generally 600 watts or less). Some examples of appliances with low wattage that can be used with power strips include, laptop computers (40W-120W), 25" televisions (150W), clock radios (7W), gaming consoles (195W) and curling irons (90W). Multi-plug, non-circuited, adaptors and extension cords can create fire hazards and are not allowed. Flexible wiring (i.e., circuited power strips and extension cords) shall 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;
- f. **Failure to Evacuate:** It is each resident's responsibility to immediately evacuate to designated assembly areas when the fire alarm activates. Failure to evacuate immediately, even during a fire drill, is prohibited.
- g. **False Fire Alarms:** Causing a false fire alarm (pulling fire alarm stations without cause, tampering with smoke detectors, etc.) is prohibited and a violation of the California Fire Code. Engaging in such behavior may be punishable by up to 6 months in jail and/or \$1,000 fine;
- h. **Fire and Emergency Equipment:** It is a misdemeanor to tamper with, cover, hang items on, damage, dismantle, deactivate, alter, or otherwise interfere 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. Hanging items on, damaging, dismantling, deactivating, covering, or otherwise altering smoke detectors, heat detectors, or any fire/emergency equipment is prohibited. Additionally, such conduct may result in housing contract cancellation, exclusion from future UC San Diego student housing application processes, suspension, and/or administrative fees associated with the violation(s);
- i. **Fire Doors:** Residents must not bypass or disable safety design features by obstructing, propping, or blocking doors and/or latches;
- j. **Flammable, Explosive, or Corrosive Substances:** Storage or use of any flammable liquids, fireworks, compressed gas canisters, photo developing chemicals, or corrosive materials, in any quantity, is prohibited in or around Housing*Dining*Hospitality facilities. No vehicles or machines with flammable or corrosive materials can be brought into or stored in or around the Housing*Dining*Hospitality facilities;
- k. **Halogen Lamps:** Halogen lamps are prohibited; and,
- l. **Open Flames:** Use of candles, charcoal grills, incense, tiki torches, or any other open flames are prohibited in or around Housing*Dining*Hospitality facilities. Individual residents cannot bring barbecues (including electric barbecues, smokers and similar products) as they are prohibited in all facilities. In addition, propane gas and charcoal for BBQs may not be stored in or around any Housing*Dining*Hospitality facility. Gas BBQs are available for resident use in designated locations.

10. 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 exists only in Graduate and Family Housing and is defined as the person(s) contracted to live in University housing with the resident. A guest(s) 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 (e.g., the Sun God Festival) or unique circumstances (e.g., public health concerns), additional restrictions may be implemented for guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s).

- a. Restrictions may be placed on guest visitation to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 or other public health concerns, 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, Local, State, and Federal law, or University policy.
- b. Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests and additional occupants. Should the guest(s) or additional occupant(s) violate any University policy including these rules, the resident may be held accountable, and their guest or additional occupant may be asked to leave;
- c. Residents must always accompany guests while in the residential community;
- d. Residents must properly and accurately identify guest(s) and additional occupant(s) to University or Public Officials upon request;
- e. Undergraduate Housing Residents may not host overnight guests more than six nights per quarter or three nights consecutively. Overnight guests of Graduate and Family Housing residents are permitted to stay for up to two weeks; and,
- f. Guests may not sleep in any of the common rooms or public spaces.

11. 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 abide by any enhanced guidance imposed to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 or other public health concerns (e.g., physical distancing, masking, sequestration, isolation housing, etc.). 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, Local, state, and Federal law, or University policy. For the most current requirements in place, please refer to the websites for Student COVID-19 Compliance (studentcovidcompliance.ucsd.edu) or Return to Learn (returntolearn.ucsd.edu).

12. Living Space Agreement: Within the first four weeks of moving into their contracted space, undergraduates residing in Single Undergraduate Housing are required to complete a “Living Space Agreement” (Agreement) with their on-campus housing room/apartment mates. Living Space Agreements are facility-specific and designed to facilitate discussion and compromise around issues of individual preference. Stipulations in the Living Space Agreement supplement the Residential Life Community Standards; in any conflict between the terms of a Living Space Agreement and the Residential Life Community Standards, the Residential Life Community Standards will prevail. Additionally, when there is conflict, residents are expected to review and revise their agreement, consulting with their Resident Assistant/House Advisor as needed. A Living Space Agreement must be completed each time there is a change in contracted occupants of a room/suite/apartment and will be due within four weeks of that change becoming effective. It is the responsibility of each resident to complete this agreement; Resident Assistants/House Advisors can facilitate Living Space Agreements upon request.

13. Noise:

- a. **Quiet Hours:** The minimum quiet hours in each residential community, except La Jolla Del Sol, start at 10pm each Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and end at 7am the following morning and start at 12am (midnight) each Friday and Saturday, and end at 9am. At La Jolla Del Sol, quiet hours start at 10pm each Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and end at 8am the following morning; and start at 11pm on each Friday and Saturday, and end at 8am the following morning. Please respect that during UC San Diego posted finals weeks, 24-hour quiet hours are in effect in all residential communities; and,
- b. **Courtesy Quiet Hours:** Any student resident may ask any other student resident(s), guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) to cease making noise that is disruptive to study or sleep at any time. Failure to comply with requests may be a violation of these Community Standards. Student residents are expected to directly request that other student resident(s), guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) cease any activity hampering their ability to study or sleep. Student resident(s), guest(s) and/or additional occupant(s) are required to self-monitor noise that may disrupt the study or sleep of others at any time. It is not acceptable to assume that a noise level is appropriate until someone complains about it.

14. Posting/Solicitation: All posting, distribution, or solicitation in the public areas of Housing*Dining*Hospitality facilities, including residential restaurants and market services must be approved by the office responsible for the specific facility. Refer to your residential area's standards and the University posting policy for further detail. Posting on exterior balconies, porches, or railings of apartment rooms is prohibited. Postings inside bedrooms or on the inside of exterior-facing bedroom windows or doors may not interfere with the operation of doors or windows or otherwise endanger health or safety. Posting of material in common living areas of apartments not open to the general public is permitted provided that none of the residents of adjoining rooms with access to the common area object to the material. Any material posted in the common area of apartments must be removed if any resident of an adjoining room with access to the common area objects to the posting of such material.

15. Residential Facilities:

- a. **Alteration/Construction:** Alteration or construction of any kind in or outside of your Housing*Dining*Hospitality 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 Housing*Dining*Hospitality 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 and/Window Ledges:** Balconies, ledges, window ledges, and sunshades may not have any items hanging from them or covering them. Further, balconies, patios, and decks 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. Administrative charges and/or other sanctions will be assessed, and a report of the issues referred to the Student Conduct process, for excessive

cleaning that must be performed by University and/or University-contracted staff, including Environment, Health, and Safety (EH&S) inspection staff;

- d. **Closet/Cabinet Doors:** Removing doors is prohibited. If doors are removed, they will be re-installed immediately, and the student will be assessed an administrative charge for their reinstallation/repair;
- e. **Damage/Theft:** The University, at its sole discretion, will determine costs for the theft, conversion, destruction, or damage to University fixtures, furnishings, equipment or decorations or damage to a residential facility. Payment for such costs shall be made by the resident and is due upon receipt of the notice. Damage should be reported immediately to Housing's HDH Fix It [Maintenance](#) and Pest Control Hotline 858-534-2600. Do not attempt to repair damages; doing so may result in additional administrative charges;
- f. **Decorations:** Corridor, room, and common area decorations must conform to EH&S standards: Damages resulting from violating these Community Standards may be assessed to the resident(s).
 - i. Decorative materials are not permitted in corridors.
 - ii. Do not obstruct exit signs, fire alarms, extinguishers, sprinkler heads, or hose cabinets. Items of any kind may not be affixed or adhered to any ceiling and no ceiling may be altered by painting.
 - iii. Walls may not be altered in any way and any item hanging from any wall must be mounted with removable adhesive strips or painter's tape; and, any decoration on the exterior of the door must be limited to two pieces not larger than 8 1/2" x 14" each;
- g. **Doors/Walls:** Written messages, tacks, or tape (other than painter's tape) placed directly on any door or wall is prohibited;
- h. **Door Closure Devices:** California State law requires that door closure devices be in working order. If a door closure device has been tampered with, it will be repaired and the residents charged;
- i. **Elevators:** Tampering with, misuse of, or vandalism of elevators is prohibited by law and University policy. Those responsible for such activities will be charged for cleaning or repair;
- j. **Furnishings:** Moving furniture from any rooms/suites/apartment/public area is prohibited. Students who move furniture from public areas or use furniture for purposes other than its intended use may be referred to the Student Conduct process and assessed any labor costs associated with returning the furniture to its appropriate location or its replacement. Outdoor use of University-owned furniture from rooms/apartments/suites/public areas is prohibited;
- k. **Keys:** Residents are responsible for all University-issued keys. Duplication or use, without prior authorization, of any University-issued key is prohibited. Providing false information to obtain a University key is also prohibited. UC San Diego Police will charge a fee for any lockouts that they facilitate after-hours. Students may be charged for the costs associated with a lost or stolen key(s), or key(s) that are not returned after a resident vacates a space;
- l. **Painting:** Residents are prohibited from painting the interior or exterior of their residence;
- m. **Pets:**
 - i. *Undergraduate Residential Spaces:* Pets and animals are prohibited in all undergraduate residential spaces. This includes pets or animals of visitors, regardless of length of stay. However, the following exceptions apply: 1) Personal 'Service or Assistance Animals' that assist with a disability as certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities; and, 2)

- ii. **Food Fights** - Throwing food (including drinks) or dining-related items (e.g., plates, bowls, utensils, trays, etc.) or engaging in food fights within residential restaurant and market service facilities is prohibited.
 - iii. **Health and Safety** - Running, standing on tables, throwing non-food related items within the facilities or engaging in behavior that poses a health or safety concern for other patrons, staff, or guests is prohibited.
 - iv. **Theft** – Baskets and/or shopping carts are provided at market service facilities for resident and guest convenience. Placing items in a personal backpack or other bag before purchase is not permitted. Passing food items to any person without purchase is also prohibited.
- b. **Dishware:** Residents and guests are responsible for returning dishes, bowls, utensils, cups, and baskets to one of the designated bussing stations located at each dining facility.
 - c. **Dress Code:** Residents and guests entering dining facilities must wear a shirt, pants or the equivalent (e.g. dress, skirt, shorts, etc.), and shoes while inside all residential restaurant and market service facilities.
 - d. **Meal Plan Use:** Keeping Campus OneCards safe is the cardholder’s responsibility. The cardholder is the only person authorized to use an associated Dining Plan or Triton Cash Account. Dining Plan funds are non-transferable unless authorized in writing by Housing*Dining*Hospitality. Meal plan holders may not give their ID card to any other student or guest to use.

17. Smoke and Tobacco Free Environment: Per the University’s *Smoke & Tobacco Free Environment Policy*, smoking and tobacco use of any kind is not permitted in any area owned or leased by UC San Diego.

18. Weapons and Explosives: University policy prohibits the use or possession of firearms on campus, with or without a valid permit. This includes any device resembling a firearm, including, but not limited to airsoft, paintball, bb guns, and nerf-type guns. Also prohibited is the use, possession, or storage of any kind of ammunition, explosive, or weapon(s), including, but not limited to: 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, explosives, fireworks, laser pointing devices and Taser guns. The improper discharge of a chemical agent including, but not limited to, mace, pepper spray, or other aerosols is prohibited. Other items or implements used aggressively or for violent purposes are prohibited and should be reported to the UC San Diego Police at (858) 534-4357.