

RESIDENTIAL LIFE COMMUNITY STANDARDS

2023-24 Summary of Proposed Revisions

INTRODUCTION

The UC San Diego Residential Life Community Standards sets forth residential-area specific standards and is incorporated into the Standards of Conduct within the UC San Diego Student Conduct Procedures. Violation of the Community Standards may become the basis for a referral to the student conduct process.

In Spring and Summer 2023, the Residential Life Community Standards Work Group was charged to review, discuss, and provide feedback about potential revisions to the Community Standards. The Work Group, co-chaired by Megan Fox and Ben White, included representatives from the Council of Directors of Residence Life (CDRL), Graduate and Family Housing (GFH), Housing Dining Hospitality (HDH), the Council of Deans of Student Affairs (CDSA), Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), and the Center for Student Accountability, Growth, and Education (SAGE). The updates described in this summary reflect an initial review of the document by the workgroup co-chairs, discussion and feedback from Work Group members and constituent groups, and consultations with campus subject matter experts, including Risk Management and HDH Facilities and Building Services.

Please note that revisions of titles, gender pronouns, section references, section or sentence re-ordering, and language improvements are not summarized in this document.

PROPOSED REVISIONS

- **Community Standards**

- We added a reference to the UC San Diego Graduate and Family Housing Agreement at start of first paragraph to connect with a similar contract for undergraduate residents.

- **Section 1 – Alcoholic Beverages**

- We added an introductory paragraph to connect this section to relevant UC-systemwide and campus policies.
- Bulk Alcoholic Beverages
 - We removed specific Alcoholic Beverage volume limits from this section due to compliance and enforceability concerns. We noted that UC San Diego was the only UC campus with these types of limits in place. Instead of specific limits, the Work Group supported language prohibiting possession of bulk quantities of Alcoholic Beverages which would be excessive under the circumstances for personal use.
- Gatherings
 - We clarified requirements for gatherings with Alcoholic Beverages present. Specifically, we added language allowing for social gatherings in Graduate and Family Housing living units where Alcoholic Beverages area present so long as policies are followed, gatherings do not cause disruptions to the community, and do not pose health and safety concerns.

- Roommates
 - We added “Suitemates” to Roommates section title to more effectively include the variety of living environments present in HDH facilities.

- **Section 2 – Business**
 - We clarified this section to prohibit students from conducting business or commercial enterprises using HDH-owned or operated facilities, equipment, or services. We recognized that this section encompasses traditional in-home business but also needs to address enterprises providing a variety of services, especially those performed electronically.

- **Section 5 – Controlled Substances**
 - The fourth standard in the section was removed because it is covered by Student Conduct Procedures Section C (3).

- **Section 6 – Failure to Comply**
 - The third standard in this section was removed because it is covered by the Campus Cards section.

- **Section 8 – Fire Policy**
 - We removed language about violations of California Fire Code and potential consequences to focus on actual policy language.

 - We removed language from the Fire and Emergency Equipment section about hanging items on, damaging, dismantling, and other actions as these actions are covered in the first sentence. We also removed language about housing contract cancellation as consequences for breaches are mentioned at the end of the Community Standards section.

- **Section 9 – Guests and Additional Occupants**
 - We de-emphasized COVID-19 in the first subsection as pandemic was officially ended in May 2023.

 - We added language in the second subsection providing that guests or additional occupants violating policy may be asked to leave the specific residential community on a temporary or permanent basis.

- **Section 11 – Micro Transportation Devices**
 - This section was formerly titled “Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards/Roller Skates/Roller Blades/Hoverboards”. We renamed it to more effectively reflect the variety of transportation devices covered by the section.

- **Section 12 – Noise**
 - We added language at the start of the section describing general noise policy to provide greater clarity for Student Conduct Officers and students when addressing incidents and cases involving noise violations.

- **Section 14 – Residential Facilities**
 - We combined the Unauthorized Entry and Unauthorized Events sections into a single section as the standards in each section were similar to each other.

- **Section 15 – Residential Restaurant and Market Service Facilities**
 - We added reference to “Amazon Just Walk Out technology enabled markets in subsection a (iv).

 - We added reference to “Triton2Go Containers” in subsection b.

- **Section 16 – Restrooms/Shower Facilities**
 - This section was previously titled “Bathrooms.” We consulted with Shaun Travers as to the utility of the section and to ensure we were in line with best practices. He suggested that we use the term “Restrooms/Shower Facilities” to connect with UCOP policy more intricately. He also recommended removing the subsections for residence halls and apartments as the language in the main section covered these areas.