

COMMUNITY STANDARDS FOR UNIVERSITY HOUSING RESIDENTS

MAKING DECISIONS

The success of a campus housing community rests on a commitment to safety and mutual respect. University Housing empowers residents to learn from the decisions they make through reflective meetings, restorative practices and educational sanctions. As a departmental team, it is our privilege and responsibility to help residents understand that they are part of the greater community and the impact of their decisions.

By signing the University Housing License Agreement, residents enter a community living arrangement with other residents and staff. University Housing has the responsibility to set limits and guidelines that create a safe and welcoming place. Residents also have a responsibility to make decisions that support opportunities for one another to learn and grow as individuals. Choosing to engage in behaviors that are detrimental to the success of self and the community may lead to consequences and even removal from the community if necessary. Posting memories on social media can detract from a sense of community, be troubling to others, and become a record of your decisions.

To help you make good decisions, University Housing has developed a set of expectations and guidelines consistent with the University's Student Conduct Code and California State University, Chico's Title 5 Resident Conduct Code of Regulations.

The expectations included within this document are upheld by resident advisors, maintenance and custodial staff, desk attendants, mail attendants, and professional staff. Residents may be held accountable through the conduct process.

PRODUCTIVE DECISIONS

As a Chico State Wildcat you have chosen to live in a community that promotes the following:

- **Wisdom**—I will put care and thought into the actions I take.
- **Integrity**—I will conduct myself with the highest level of ethics.
- **Learning**—I will learn from both my mistakes and my triumphs.
- **Diversity**—I will respect the backgrounds, stories, and perspectives of all within the Chico State community.
- **Community**—I will value those I interact with including residents, staff, and faculty.
- **Accountability**—I will hold myself and others accountable for the standards outlined in the University Housing Student and Community Expectations.
- **Transformation**—I will commit to personal, interpersonal, and academic growth through my time in University Housing.

1. Alcohol

Your experience at Chico State could include decisions surrounding alcohol use. Choosing to consume alcohol, particularly while underage, is proven to have consequences ranging from academic downturn to a decline in your well-being, with possible effects on your housing eligibility and Chico State student status. The presence of alcohol and alcoholic beverages can detract from a safe and healthy environment for all residents and guests.

This community standard applies to all individuals and areas of University Housing communities, including public areas in and around the residence halls. Residents are responsible for an alcohol community standard violation if in the presence of alcohol or alcohol beverage containers. Residents are responsible for all alcohol and alcohol beverage containers found in their room. University Housing will dispose of all found alcohol and paraphernalia. Damage resulting from alcohol use will be the financial responsibility of the resident. Further information on alcohol related resources is available at the Campus Alcohol and Drug Education Center (CADEC). Residents should educate themselves on the laws, community standards, consequences and expectations related to alcohol use at Chico State.

- 1.1 Residents are expected to not use, possess, manufacture, or distribute alcoholic beverages in or around University Housing communities.
- 1.2 Residents are expected to not be under the influence of alcohol within University Housing communities and grounds.
- 1.3 Residents must refrain from possession, collection, or display of alcohol containers or paraphernalia, including but not limited to: flasks, shot glasses, empty containers of alcohol, beer bong, kegs, and alcohol boxes.
- 1.4 Residents are expected to not play drinking or simulated drinking games (i.e., water pong).

2. Animals

- 2.1 Each resident can only have one fish in a maximum five-gallon tank. Residents with disabilities can request an accommodation through the Accessibility Resource Center, located in the Student Services Center.

3. Building and Room Access

- 3.1 University Housing communities are secured and are accessible by a resident swiping their University ID. Do not loan your room key or University ID to another person for the purpose of building, room, community, or meal plan access. Do not use another students' University ID or key.

- 3.2 University Village suites and resident rooms are accessible by using the fob and key issued during move-in. Students are expected to maintain locks, for all doors, as they originally found them. This is for the safety and security of residents, their belongings, and University Housing property.
- 3.3 Residents must enter and exit through main doors and gates by swiping their own University ID card. Read and follow postings with specific directives.

4. Cannabis

This community standard includes synthetic cannabis, cannabis residue, and closely related organic components. Residents possessing cannabis and/or paraphernalia will be asked to dispose of all items by University Housing staff.

Cannabis over one ounce will be confiscated by the UPD. Violations will be referred to Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibility, located in the Student Services Center.

Proposition 215 and the California Medical Marijuana Program are in direct conflict with federal law regarding cannabis; therefore, University Housing does not recognize medical cannabis cards. Residents who possess a valid medical cannabis card under Proposition 215 are required to find a location off campus where they can appropriately and legally use and possess cannabis.

Housing staff may investigate for a possible cannabis violation based on reasonable evidence. Evidence of cannabis can include, but is not limited to, smell, smoke, seeds, residue, presence of odor, fans, towels near or under doors, open windows, attempts to mask scents, bongs, pipes, clips, and plant cultivation.

- 4.1 Residents must refrain from the use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of cannabis.
- 4.2 Residents are expected to not be under the influence of cannabis within University Housing communities and grounds.
- 4.3 Residents are not to possess cannabis paraphernalia, including but not limited to: pipes, bongs, hookahs, scales, vaporizers, grinders, roach clips, and rolling papers. Cannabis paraphernalia includes any item fashioned for the purpose of facilitating cannabis use.
- 4.4 Residents are not to sell or inappropriately use cannabis.

5. Community Respect

- 5.1 Residents are expected to treat all members of the campus housing community, including fellow residents, University Housing staff, and Sutter Dining staff with respect—acting in a manner that positively contributes to the community and its members and recognizing the rights and interests of the community outweigh those of the individual. This includes chores in Konkow houses and University Village suites.
- 5.2 Residents are expected to respect University property, such as trash/recycling bins, restrooms, community lounges, laundry facilities, etc.
- 5.3 Residents are expected to engage in conduct that is not detrimental to the development of other students and University Housing communities.

- 5.4 Residents are expected to be aware of their surroundings and remove themselves if they are aware of a community standard being dishonored.

6. Compliance

- 6.1 Residents and their guests or visitors must comply with a reasonable request from University Housing staff members. Residents are expected to provide accurate information and identification when requested by staff. Residents are expected to not interfere with staff while they are performing their duties.
- 6.2 University Housing will communicate with residents via Wildcat email, postings, floor meetings, or text messages. Residents are expected to follow instructions provided in all communications.
- 6.3 Should residents fail to complete educational sanctions assigned through the resident conduct process, further consequences may be imposed. Termination of University Housing license agreement could occur depending on the status of the resident.

7. Drugs and Paraphernalia

Drugs will be confiscated by the UPD. Drug violations will be referred to Student Conduct, Rights, and Responsibilities, located in the Student Services Center.

- 7.1 Residents must refrain from the use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of illegal drugs, and narcotics.
- 7.2 Residents are expected to not be under the influence of drugs, or narcotics within University Housing communities and grounds.
- 7.3 Residents are not to possess drug paraphernalia. Drug paraphernalia includes any item fashioned for the purpose of facilitating drug use.
- 7.4 Residents are not to sell or inappropriately use drugs.

8. Elevators

For the safety of individuals, University Housing recommends that residents become familiar with the elevator maximum capacity, rules, and regulations posted in our elevators.

- 8.1 Residents are expected to not damage, vandalize, or misuse the elevators, including jumping, rocking, dancing, etc.

9. Fire and Life Safety

- 9.1 Residents are expected to not tamper with, remove, or misuse any equipment related to emergency systems and the fire alarm system (fire alarm pull stations, extinguishers, hoses, sprinklers, emergency exit doors, smoke detectors, exit signs, emergency evacuation instructions, etc.).
- 9.2 Residents are expected to evacuate University Housing communities immediately when a fire alarm sounds and follow instructions from University Housing staff and emergency services.
- 9.3 Residents may have coffee makers, electric kettles, and blenders in their room. Residents are expected to not bring into the community any exposed heating elements, including but not limited to: barbecues, electric grills, toasters, toaster ovens, hot plates, and space heaters.

- 9.4 Within University Village apartments and Konkow house kitchens residents may use University-provided appliances present at move-in. Residents may bring the following appliances to have within their kitchen: indoor electric grills, toasters, and toaster ovens. These items are not allowed within bedrooms.
- 9.5 Residents are expected to not use candles, incense, electric blankets, hover boards, extension cords, halogen lamps, lava lamps, plug-in, lighters, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, or other “smoke” emanating products, including e-cigarettes, lighters, vapor devices, etc. These items are known to start a fire.
- 9.6 Residents are expected to not possess torches, fireworks, liquid fuels, accelerants, and other like products. These items could lead to termination of the University Housing license agreement.
- 9.7 Power strips are permitted only if they have built-in circuit breakers with an on/off switch. All power strips must be UL or ETL listed. Residents are expected to not connect multiple power strips together (“daisy chaining”).
- 9.8 A maximum of three decorative light strands may be connected together (per room) unless manufacturer’s directions suggest less.
- 9.9 No more than eight individuals may be in a residential bedroom, regardless of room size, because more than this number could cause a hindrance to timely evacuation.
- 9.10 Residents are expected to keep all exit routes clear from obstructions.
- 9.11 Residents are to keep flammable material on their doors to no more than 10 percent (approximately 2.4 square feet). Examples include door decorations, pictures, and signs.
- 9.12 University Village residents are expected to keep patios/balconies clean, keep access free from obstructions, and keep University Housing provided furniture inside.
- 9.13 Residents may not have the following room decorations: fabric wall hangings, curtains, artificial trees, flags, tapestries, incandescent bulbs, halogen bulbs, and other “hot” bulb types. These items and others are known to start a fire.

10. Firearms and Weapons

- 10.1 Residents shall not possess weapons or explosives (or replicas/toys), including but not limited to: fireworks, firearms, live ammunition, hunting bows and arrows, BB guns, Tasers, stun guns, paintball guns, air pellet guns, toy guns, squirt guns, Nerf guns, highly flammable substances, and stink bombs.
- 10.2 California Penal Code Section 626.10 states that individuals may not possess knives with a blade longer than 2.5 inches. Residents may have kitchen knives of any size for cooking purposes.

11. Guests and Visitors

A *visitor* is a student that resides within a University Housing community (has a license agreement with University Housing).

A *guest* is an individual that is not a resident (doesn’t have a license agreement with University Housing, i.e., family members, non-University Housing students, etc.).

Residents must receive permission from their roommate(s) or suitemate(s) before checking in overnight guests or visitors. A guest must abide by the same community standards as residents/visitors. If they choose not to, University Housing staff may determine they cannot continue to visit and be asked to leave.

All *guests* being checked in must be at least 18 years of age. Guests under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and leave by 8 p.m. daily.

Residents are permitted to check in a maximum of two guest’s or visitor’s at a time. An overnight guest’s or visitor’s stay is not to exceed more than three (3) nights in a row and nine (9) nights total in a given semester per resident. If a guest or visitor checks out before midnight, it is not counted as an overnight stay.

When guests or visitors arrive, it is the resident’s responsibility to ensure that their guest/visitor is properly checked in.

A *visitor* will check in at the front desk with their host resident. The visitor will need to present a valid University ID to the front desk of each community. During the hours of 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily, visitors will receive a wristband that must be worn.

A *guest* will need to present a valid, original, government-issued photo identification card (e.g., driver’s license, state ID, military ID, tribal ID, or passport). School or university IDs and driver’s permits will not be accepted for guests. Guests will be issued wristbands at check-in. Guests should wear the wristband at all times and return to the front desk when done visiting.

No-Guest Weekends:

During no-guest weekends, no guest swipes can be used in Sutter Dining or Café. All students with meal plans must have their University ID to enter these locations. See University Housing and Sutter dining staff for more information.

University Housing staff may revoke privileges should an increase in community standard violations occur during “no-guest weekends”.

Labor Day: Thursday, August 30, 2018, at 8 p.m. through Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 8 a.m.

Halloween: Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 8 p.m. through Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 8 a.m.

Cesar Chavez: Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 8 p.m. through Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 8 a.m.

- 11.1 Residents are expected to follow guest/visitor expectations.
- 11.2 Residents may be held accountable for their guest’s actions and must accompany them at all times (including escorting them to the restroom and when checking out).
- 11.3 In order to create a safe and respectful atmosphere, guests are not permitted in any residential community or Sutter Dining during no-guest weekends outlined above. no-guest weekends will be communicated with residents via email and postings in the communities.

12. Mail

12.1 Items that are against community standards found within this document are not to be mailed to the University Housing mail service center.

13. Masks and Costumes

13.1 Residents are expected to allow University Housing staff and University officials to make a visual identification when necessary. Examples that will not allow this to occur include wearing masks, costume hoods, face painting, or any other apparel.

14. Noise

14.1 Quiet Hours are when residents are asked to keep their noise levels low enough so that their in-room activities are unable to be heard outside of their room. During finals week, extended Quiet Hour times will be posted in each community.

Weekly Quiet Hours are

- Sunday through Thursday, 10 p.m. to 9 a.m.
- Friday and Saturday, midnight to 9 a.m.

14.2 Courtesy Hours are 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and it is the expectation that residents avoid creating noise levels that will disturb the community. Residents shall not possess subwoofers, amps, or other sound enhancement devices. A resident can be asked to bring down their noise level by anyone at any time.

15. Noxious Odor

A noxious odor is any aroma of such intensity that it becomes apparent or offensive to others. Any odor can become noxious or offensive when it is too strong. Some examples are cigarette, cigar, or pipe smoke, incense, perfume, air freshening spray, large amounts of dirty laundry, and cannabis smell.

15.1 Residents are expected to keep reasonable personal hygiene and limit noxious or offensive odors.

16. Postings

16.1 Residents who would like to post materials will need to get them verified and stamped by Student Life and Leadership, located in the Bell Memorial Union, and approved through the University Housing office for distribution.

17. Refrigerators and Microwaves

17.1 One mini-fridge/freezer/microwave unit leased from Collegiate Concepts is permitted per room. Residents living in Konkow and University Village will not be able to lease one due to refrigerators being provided within the community. A resident may have a personally-purchased mini-fridge if approved through Accessibility Resource Center.

18. Room Personalization

18.1 Personal upholstered furniture is not allowed in University Housing communities (i.e., bean bags, mattresses, desk chairs, futons, couches, and overstuffed chairs, etc.).

18.2 All University Housing furniture present at move-in is to remain in resident's room.

18.3 Moving community furniture into a resident's room is prohibited.

19. Solicitation

19.1 Residents and other individuals cannot conduct door-to-door solicitation, both commercial and noncommercial, slide ads/fliers under doors, display door hangers, or postings without University Housing permission.

20. Sports

20.1 Residents are expected to not play sports or sports-related activities (i.e., running, throwing or kicking objects, or wrestling) inside University Housing communities.

21. Theft

21.1 Residents shall not conduct theft of campus property, including but not limited to: furniture, signs, and food and eating utensils from Sutter Dining. Residents shall not conduct theft of property owned by any member of the campus community, including utilizing items, consuming a roommate's food without permission, etc. Residents may not be in possession of stolen campus or individual property.

22. Vandalism

22.1 Residents shall not conduct vandalism to any building, property, security cameras, or signage, including but not limited to: bulletin boards, fliers, posters, signs, and whiteboards.

23. Wheels

Residents are encouraged to register their bicycles with the University Police Department (UPD). Residents are responsible for providing locks for their own bicycles and to properly lock them in specified bicycle parking spots. Please visit the UPD website for more information.

23.1 When using recreational equipment with wheels (bicycles, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades, electric scooters, etc.), residents will not ride them within University Housing communities or on campus core.

24. Windows

24.1 Residents are expected to keep their windows clear of any signage or displays, including curtains.

24.2 Residents are expected to keep their screens in place and not tampered with at all times.

24.3 Residents are expected to not put anything out of their window (water, milk, bottles, cans, trash, etc.).