

UC San Diego Residential Life Community Standards (Updated September 24, 2021)

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, whether in the residence halls or apartments, 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 non-primary resident(s)

who are twenty-one (21) or older may possess and/or consume alcohol in the resident's contracted apartment space 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, and commercial dispensers) 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. Bulk quantities include, but are not limited to kegs, punch bowls, greater than 750mL of liquor or wine, greater than 144 oz. of beer, powdered alcohol, or any alcohol by volume equivalencies;
 - 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 on-primary resident(s) are 21 years or older and attendance at the gathering does not exceed two (2) guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(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 on-primary resident(s) limits;
 - h. **Pubs/Restaurants:** Residents consuming alcoholic beverages purchased from a pub or restaurant in any campus residential community (e.g., Mesa Nueva Pub, North Torrey Pines Living-Learning Neighborhood) must follow all applicable University, State, and Federal regulations adhering to the alcohol license procured by the facility operator. No outside alcohol is permitted in these licensed areas. No open alcoholic beverages purchased from these facilities may be taken outside of the licensed areas; and,
 - i. **Public Consumption:** With the exception of balconies attached to a 21+ year old resident's unit in Graduate and Family Housing or a residential pub/restaurant, the consumption of alcohol may not occur in public areas in residential facilities.
2. **Bathrooms:** In keeping with our community living standards, residents are encouraged to be mindful of the needs of fellow residents who have occasional guest(s) and/or on-primary resident(s) or family members of a different gender, with mobility issues, people with disabilities who have attendants/caregivers of a different gender, and residents who have specific religious or cultural accommodations, regarding the use of bathroom facilities. Roommates and suitemates should be in regular communication with each other to discuss these needs early and often. Your housing office can be of assistance to help facilitate this communication.
- a. **Residence Halls:** All suite bathrooms in the residence halls are gendered. Residents and their guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(s) may only use bathrooms of the gender with which they identify. Guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(s) who do not identify with the gender identity of the suite may use the bathroom with the prior approval of all suite residents; and,
 - b. **Apartments:** Except for designated and approved gender-inclusive assignments, apartment bathrooms are gendered according to the apartment. Guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(s) who do not identify with the gender identity of the apartment residents may use the bathroom with the prior approval of all apartment residents.
3. **Bicycles/Scooters/Skateboards/Roller Skates/Roller Blades/Hoverboards:**
- a. The use of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, or hoverboards is

- prohibited inside any Housing*Dining*Hospitality-owned or operated facilities;
- b. Residents may store bicycles only in the owner's bedroom or apartment upon approval of all roommates, if applicable, or in designated bike rack areas. Bicycles cannot be stored in stairwells, common areas, and lounges and cannot be locked to handrails, trees, or signposts;
 - c. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, or hoverboards must not block entrances/exits or sidewalks around residential facilities;
 - d. Resident may not use the room and its utilities to charge any micro-mobility device (such as an e-scooter) that is owned by someone other than Resident in exchange for compensation received by Resident;
 - e. Performing tricks on bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, or hoverboards is prohibited in or around all residential facilities; and,
 - f. Use, possession, and storage of hoverboards is prohibited from all residential facilities.
4. **Business:** Students must not operate a business or electronic business using Housing*Dining*Hospitality owned or operated facilities, equipment, or services. With the exception of food delivery, no resident may contract any vendor for services in the residential facilities without the approval of your housing office. This rule also prohibits residents from renting or leasing their contracted space.
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 non-primary resident(s) must comply with the directives of University and public officials in the performance of their duties. Specifically,

- a. Failure to answer your room/suite/apartment door while present in the residence is prohibited;
- b. Failure to immediately produce one's UC San Diego Campus Card upon request is prohibited; and,
- c. Failure to immediately identify your guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(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) 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 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 the residential facilities. No vehicles or machines with flammable or corrosive materials can be brought into or stored in or around the residential 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 the residential 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 residential facility. Gas BBQs are available for resident use in Graduate and Family Housing Communities.

10. Guests and Non-Primary Residents: A resident is defined as the UC San Diego-affiliated person contracted to live in University housing, or primary resident. A non-primary resident 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 non-primary resident(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. ***Until further notice, all living areas are designated as "residents-only" communities with no guests permitted and supersede the subsections below that normally allow guests and guest visitation. The restriction on guests does not apply to necessary caregivers.***
- b. Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests and non-primary residents, as well any guests of the non-primary resident. Should the guest(s) or non-primary resident(s) violate any University policy or these rules, the resident may be held accountable, and their guest or non-primary resident 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 non-primary resident(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. 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; Additionally, quiet hours 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; Additionally, Quiet Hours 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 or guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(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 residents or guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(s) cease any activity hampering their ability to study or sleep. Students Residents or guest(s) and/or non-primary resident(s) are to take the initiative 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.

13. Posting/Solicitation: All posting, distribution, or solicitation in the public areas of the residential facilities must be approved by your housing office. Refer to your housing office's standards and the University posting policy for further detail. Posting on exterior balconies 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.

14. Resident Agreement: Within the first four weeks of moving into their contracted space, undergraduates residing in Single Undergraduate Housing are required to complete a "Resident Agreement" with their on-campus housing room/apartment mates. Resident Agreements are facility-specific and designed to facilitate discussion and compromise around issues of individual preference. Stipulations in the Resident Agreement supplement the Residential Life Community Standards; in any conflict between the terms of a Resident 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 Resident Agreement is to 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, but Resident Assistants/House Advisors can facilitate Resident Agreements upon request.

15. Residential Facilities:

- a. Alteration/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 Customer Service Center 858-534-2600. Do not attempt to repair damages; doing so may result in additional administrative charges;
- 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 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. Construction:** Construction of any kind in or outside of your apartment is prohibited. Construction includes, but is not limited to, using heavy building materials; installing front screen doors; building platforms, lofts, or shelving units inside your apartment 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;
- f. Decorations:** Corridor, room, and common area decorations must conform to the following EH&S standards. Damages resulting from violating these Community Standards may be assessed to the resident(s). Decorative materials are not permitted in corridors. Do not obstruct exit signs, fire alarms, extinguishers, sprinkler heads, or hose cabinets. Items of any kind are not to be affixed or adhered to any ceiling and no ceiling may be altered by painting. 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 original intention 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 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 \$25 fee for any lockouts that they facilitate after-hours. Students may be charged for the any costs associated with a lost or stolen key(s), or key(s) that not are unreturned after a resident vacates a space;
- l. **Painting:** Residents are prohibited from painting the interior or exterior of their residence;
- m. **Pets:**

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) Aquarium fish in tanks not to exceed 10 gallons. Limit of one tank resident;

 - *Coast, La Jolla Del Sol, Mesa, and OMS:* The University will approve two indoor cats, caged birds, and fish in aquariums with a 30 gallon or less capacity, per apartment. A signed pet addendum and a \$250 pet deposit will be required for up to 2 indoor cats.
 - *Rita, Mesa Nueva, Nuevo West, and Nuevo East:* The University will only approve fish in aquariums with a capacity of 30 gallons or less, per apartment. Cats are not allowed at Mesa Nueva, Nuevo East, Nuevo West, or Rita.
- n. **Recycling and Trash:** Regular removal of recycling and trash is each resident's responsibility and should be regularly taken to designated recycling and trash containers. If recycling or trash from a resident's room or apartment is found in non-designated areas (e.g. outside door, on the balcony, etc.), residents will be held accountable for its appropriate removal and cleaning, and any related administrative charges;
- o. **Roofs/Rails/Ledges:** Residents are prohibited from scaling or climbing walls, traversing to/from balconies, accessing roofs, rails, and ledges of all residential facilities unless otherwise designated. Placing objects on Roofs/Rails/Ledges is not permitted. Throwing objects to or from the roofs, rails, or ledges of any residential facility is prohibited;
- p. **Security:** Residents should not bypass or disable residential security. Residents should not allow suite and/or building access to unauthorized persons. Students are reminded to lock doors and close and lock windows when they are not present in the room or while asleep in the room. Students are required to call the Customer Service Center at 858-534-2600 if they are unable to lock and secure room doors and/or windows. If a resident sees suspicious activity, they are expected to call University police at 858- 534-4357. The safety and security of the community is everyone's responsibility;
- q. **Unauthorized Entry:** Unauthorized entry is prohibited. Use of residential facilities by outside organizations or the general public is limited and determined by the housing office responsible for the space;
- r. **Unauthorized Events:** All group activities, hired performances, or organized and/or publicized events in or around the residential facilities, including public areas, must have the prior approval

of the relevant housing office;

- s. **Unauthorized Use of Public Areas:** Depending on the unique architecture of each residential community, public areas are generally defined as any residential space excluding residence hall bedrooms and the interiors of apartments. All public areas must be kept free of obstructions. No one may sleep in public areas unless it is in conjunction with a University-sponsored event. Public areas may be closed at any time by the Housing office responsible for the space; and,
- t. **Windows and Screens:** Throwing to or from, dropping, or allowing any object to fall from any window, climbing in or out of windows for an unauthorized purpose, or the unauthorized removal of window screens is prohibited. Any weather-related damages that occur to a room as a result of a resident not closing a window will be billed to the resident(s) responsible for the damage. Additionally, you may not cover or hang items from windows or window ledges

15. Smoking: Per the University's Smoke-Free & Tobacco-Products-Free Campus Policy, smoking of any kind is not permitted in any area owned or leased by UC San Diego.

16. 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.