



Student Housing Addendum

In accordance with the Student Housing Agreement executed with the University of Houston, I hereby acknowledge certain responsibilities for safety and security as it relates to people (including themselves), the community atmosphere and the facilities. I agree to follow the following in accepting this responsibility.

Fire Safety Equipment and Prevention Guidelines

- Each room and building has Fire Safety Equipment that has been put in place to protect life and property. Residents are responsible to adhere to all Safety Regulations and to notify the staff of any misuse or abuse of equipment that would jeopardize the community.
- Sprinklers in rooms and hallways should not be tampered with in anyway. Avoid the following: throwing items that could hit a sprinkler head, hanging on sprinkler pipes, or hanging items on sprinkler pipes.
- Residents are not allowed to have any of the following items in their living area: Candles (even decorator items), grills, open coil cooking devices, halogen lamps, and space heaters.
- Tampering with Fire Safety Equipment or possession of any non approved items will result in fines, community service and could potentially result in removal from the residential community.

Access Door/Entry Requirements & Guest Policy

- Residents are responsible for having his or her Cougar 1 Card (Access Card) with them at all times.
- In Moody Towers each guest must be signed in at the entry desk.
- Residents must be responsible for their guest at all times once signed in or escorted into the building or area and until that guest exits the building or area.
- Residents must not assist individuals in gaining access to a building or area by signing them in or allowing them to tag along on entry.
- The Guest Policy limits visitation to protect the rights of all Residents. Residents sharing a space should talk about and come to an agreement on standards of behavior within shared space. Both roommates must agree on Guest visitation during the day or overnight. Overnight visitation is limited to 48 hours with the agreement of both roommates.
- Guest of the opposite gender must go to the same gender floor (Moody Towers) to use the bathroom.
- If roommates cannot come to agreement or cannot adhere to agreed upon standards to the point that behavior is violating one roommate's rights to study, sleep, or comfort, they should contact the Resident Assistant on their floor or the Area Coordinator in their area for assistance.

Alcohol/Drugs Policies and Responsibilities

- Residential Life and Housing encourages residents to be responsible and knowledgeable when making choices about the use of Alcohol and Drugs.
- At all times residents should make choices that ensure their safety and healthy continuation toward their academic goals.
- Residents are responsible for knowing all policies contained in the Student Handbook.
- The University Alcohol Policies follow Texas State Law and prohibits drinking under the age of 21.
- Residents that are not 21 years of age cannot drink alcohol on state property.
- Residents that are 21 years of age can responsibly drink alcohol in their rooms with their doors closed.
- Residents that are 21 years of age and have a roommate that is not 21 years of age cannot keep or drink alcohol in their room when their roommate is present.
- Residents cannot drink alcohol in the public areas including but not limited to lounges, hallways, porches, courtyards or parking lots.
- Drugs are not allowed unless prescribed by a doctor and in the appropriate person's possession.
- Drug paraphernalia (bongs, pipes, papers, etc.) are not allowed.
- Residents that are found in violation of alcohol or drug policies (depending on circumstances) could have the following consequences: counseling, community service, ticket, arrest, Residence Halls Probation, University Probation, Residence Halls eviction, University suspension, University expulsion, loss of financial aid or any combination of the above. Residents will be responsible for legal fees or University penalties.

Room Cleaning

- Resident is responsible for cleaning his/her room on a regular basis (suggest once a week) unless otherwise contracted for with Housekeeping Services <http://www.uh.edu/housing/cleaning.doc>
- Cleaning the room includes: Mopping & dusting floors, Vacuuming Carpeted floors, wiping down with disinfectant/dusting surfaces, cleaning/disinfecting suite bathroom (Quad and Cougar Place), dusting blinds.
- To improve hygiene it is also suggested that bed linens/towels are washed weekly.

Mold Prevention Guidelines

- Resident shall remove any visible moisture accumulation in the room, including on walls (entirely or partially obstructed by desks, beds, or other furniture), windows; floors; ceilings; fixtures; blinds; etc. Mop up spills and thoroughly dry affected area as soon as possible after the occurrence; do not leave wet clothing or towels for long periods in your room/closet/bathroom. TIP: after shower leave door open and allow bathroom to air out (Quad & Cougar Place).
- DAMP RID (moisture absorber and freshener product) is available in Cougar Place (one per resident). DAMP RID can also be purchased at Wal-Mart or Bed Bath and Beyond stores.
- Clean and dust the room area regularly, particularly the kitchenette area (Cougar Place) and the bathroom area (Quadrangle and Cougar Place).
- Keep blinds open unless it would otherwise be inappropriate to do so.
- Do not pack clothing in closets so tight that it prevents airflow.
- Residents shall promptly notify work order control (3-6060) and the Area Office of the following conditions:
 1. A water leak, excessive moisture, or standing water inside the premises.
 2. A water leak, excessive moisture, or standing water in any community common area.
 3. Mold growth or what may be perceived to be mold growth, in or on the premises or any surfaces (walls - entirely or partially obstructed by desks, beds, or other furniture; windows; floors; ceilings; fixtures; blinds; etc., that persists after resident has tried several times to remove it with household cleaning solutions, such as Lysol or Pine-Sol disinfectants, Tilex Mildew Remover, or Clorox, or a combination of water and bleach.
 4. A malfunction in any part of the heating, air-conditioning, or ventilation system in the room. This will be evident by temperature, excessive moisture condensation on windows or in the room.

Ethernet Services Guidelines

- Residential Life and Housing provides direct connections to the Ethernet/University Network. This service is available to residents as a courtesy, at no charge.
- Resident will not resell this service or otherwise charge others to use it. Further, the resident will not redistribute the service whether or not Resident receives compensation for such redistribution. The service that is provided is a residential service provided for personal, non-commercial use only. The resident agrees not to use the service for operation as an Internet provider, for the hosting of web sites or for any business enterprise.
- Residential Life and Housing reserves the right to limit the amount of bandwidth available to any resident.

Resident Responsibility

- Resident is responsible to upkeep the room and space assigned to them and will be held accountable for any damage or misuse of services or equipment.
- Residential Life and Housing will do announced monthly room checks and unannounced safety checks and will hold residents accountable for any cleanliness issues, safety violations, or service abuse.
- Resident shall be responsible for any damages sustained to the premises or to Resident's person or property as a result of Resident's failure to comply with the terms outlined in this document.

RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED TO SECURE RENTERS INSURANCE TO COVER ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO OTHERS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Name (Print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Modification of this Form requires approval of OGC