

Residential Policies and Procedures 2021-2022 - Utica

SUNY Polytechnic Albany has housing that is hosted by The University at Albany, and our students are obliged to the Residential Policies and Procedures of The University at Albany and other policies and procedures as outlined in their housing and dining license.

SUNY Polytechnic Residential Life and Housing Central Office
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The mission of Residential Life and Housing at SUNY Polytechnic is to promote a residential experience that advances each resident's personal growth and development and inspires lifelong community engagement. The staff members in the Office of Residential Life and Housing are guided by principles that support a safe, healthy and well-maintained living and learning environment.

The residential program is fully staffed with a professional team, nationally recruited and selected through a search process. These professionals have a combination of professional degrees and experience with higher education student life. Our student residential life staff members are selected through a rigorous process and are attentive in supporting residents. The residential life and housing staff members work with the residents to develop programs, activities, and services that enhance the high quality of campus life at SUNY Polytechnic Institute.

Resident students and their guests are considered adults who are responsible for conducting themselves in accordance with state and local laws as well as with the institution's alcohol and drug policy. Resident students and their guests are required to abide by the following policies:

2020-2021 Residential Policies and Procedures – COVID19 Supplements

The following policies and procedures are effective and remain in place until further written notice. These policies and procedures are specific to the health and safety of students, faculty and staff during the pandemic and supersede and are in addition to any related policies documented in the 2021-2022 Residential Policies and Procedures. Violations of Residential Policies and Procedures are forwarded to Community Standards and are subject to disciplinary processes up to and included dismissal and suspension from the residence halls without refund, if the student is found responsible.

Delivery - Non-SUNY Poly Food Vendors

Residential students are permitted to purchase food deliveries from outside services, and are encouraged to ensure that vendors are following COVID19 safe food preparation. Students must direct delivery staff to meet them at a minimum 6ft distance from the front door of the complex.

Elevators

Residential elevators in Hilltop Hall will remain available for resident students if there is continuous compliance with the policies posted regarding elevator use. The Director of Environmental Health and Safety and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs retain the right to conclude elevator service for non ADA purposes if policies are not followed.

Guests and Visitors Policies

Guests

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Visitors

a. A “visitor” is defined as an individual who is not a SUNY Polytechnic Institute student who is visiting a current student of SUNY Polytechnic Institute. Formerly enrolled students of SUNY Polytechnic Institute, alumni of SUNY Polytechnic Institute, family members and friends, including students of other colleges and universities are considered non-student “visitors.”

For the purposes of the Fall 2021 semester and until further written notice, only residential student guests are permitted in entry into the residence halls, for any reason. No resident student is permitted to have a non-resident guest or visitor in Hilltop, Adirondack or Mohawk bedrooms, lobbies, vestibules, commons rooms or lounges. *Roommates and suitemates are unable to grant permission to their roommates or suitemates to invite non-resident guests or visitors to the room or suite.*

Violation of the guest or visitor policy will result in immediate referral to student conduct and may result in loss of housing privileges. Students who are removed from housing for violations of policies are not eligible for a refund of their room fees.

Right of Inspection/Health and Safety Inspections

When Right of Inspection or Health and Safety Inspections are needed, residential students will be provided with notice prior to entry and personal protective equipment will be worn by staff for the duration of the room entry. Students will be provided with masks if they do not have them in their room, and the student must wear the mask while the staff member(s) is/are present.

Kitchens and Lounges

All shared residential kitchens and lounges will start as open for the Fall 2021. Residents are expected to maintain clean and sanitary kitchens, using supplies to disinfect surfaces and appliances before and after every use. Residence Life Staff may utilize lounges for social events, meetings and mediations using required social distancing guidelines. Masks must be worn at all times in lounges, common areas and kitchens. These common spaces will be closed if students are not complying with health maintenance and use of the spaces.

Personal Protective Equipment

Masks must be worn at all times upon entry to a residential facility, including in vestibules and stairwells, common areas, hallways and elevators except by those individuals with an underlying health condition, documented with and approved by Disability Services, that does not allow a mask to be worn safely.

Quarantine and Isolation

By residing on campus, resident students agree to comply with quarantine and/or isolation requirements as relayed to them at any time by the Wellness Center or a County Health Department or associated COVID19/health/medical agency. When informed by Wellness Center staff or a County Health Department or health/medical agency that quarantine in place or relocation to quarantine or isolation is required due to COVID19 exposure or a test result, students MUST cooperate fully with directives. Failure to comply charges will be issued if a resident student;

- delays response to the Wellness Center communications about COVID19, exposure, contact tracing or quarantine and isolation
- fails to notify Wellness, on behalf of SUNY Poly, at (315) 792-7172 that an agency has ordered quarantine or isolations for them
- fails to quarantine or isolate as directed
- continues to expose the campus community to risk by leaving quarantine or isolation once they have been notified of the need to quarantine in place or to relocate to quarantine or isolation.

2020-2021 Community Standards Notifications

Cannabis:

Though the law has changed, the use, possession or sale of marijuana remains strictly prohibited on the SUNY Poly campus. No person is permitted to be in possession of any type of cannabis or derivatives and all are prohibited from being in possession of drug paraphernalia in campus buildings, including residence halls. Students who are in violation of this policy, will be documented and referred to Community Standards. Sanctions for those found responsible for violations of cannabis and related policies range from probation to expulsion. For more information, review violation #11 in the Student Code of Conduct.

Covered Smoke Detectors:

Tampering with fire safety equipment, including covering a smoke detector, is considered a very serious violation at SUNY Poly. Students put fellow community members at risk when tampering with a smoke detector or smoking/lighting any substance in any building. If it is determined or observed that a smoke detector has been covered for any period of time, regardless of the reason, charges will be issued by Community Standards. Students found responsible for covering a smoke detector may receive a sanction of Residence Hall Suspension, which can be for one semester up to one full calendar year. Residence Hall Suspension is immediately

dismissal and ban from the residence halls. Students who receive Residence Hall Suspension will be responsible for all assessed charges for room and board with no refunds. For more information, review violation #14 in the Student Code of Conduct.

Abandonment of Personal Property

The Department of Residence Life & Housing, Facilities, and/or University Police, without liability, have the right to dispose of any personal property left on the campus premises five (5) calendar days after the end of the housing contract, termination of the housing contract, or after the end of the last day of the semester if the student does not have a contract for the next period of occupancy, including summer. Personal property left in or on the grounds of the residence halls after the end of the contract term or termination of the contract may result in both an improper checkout charge of \$50.00 and a removal charge of \$70.00. Personal property left on other campus locations after the end of any semester may result in a \$70.00 removal charge. Bicycles left on residential complexes including indoor or outdoor bike racks, affixed to trees, left in bike storage or abandoned on the grounds, without express written permission from the Director of Residential Life, are subject to this policy.

Alcohol Policy

Resident students who are 21 years of age or older may possess limited quantities of alcoholic beverages. They may serve alcohol to resident and non-resident guests provided the guests are at least 21 years of age. Resident student hosts will be responsible for ensuring that intoxicated guests are not served alcohol and for compliance with residence hall alcohol and guest policies. The sale of alcohol to any person is strictly prohibited.

In accordance with the established regulations, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages is permitted by students over the age of 21 in the private living areas of the residence suites in Mohawk and Adirondack complexes. In Oriskany and Hilltop residence halls, residents 21 years of age and over may possess/consume alcoholic beverages only in their own residence hall bedrooms. Residents 21 years of age and over may possess/consume beverages in private rooms, but only if those rooms or suites have at least one assigned occupant who is 21 years of age and over. In all residential complexes, alcoholic beverages are prohibited in main lounges, recreation rooms, floor lounges, hall corridors, laundry rooms, and any other area that is not a private student room or the private suites of Adirondack and Mohawk.

Compliance with all requests of University Officials, including Residence Life staff and University Police, for proof of legal drinking age is required. If there is reasonable suspicion to believe that alcohol may be in bottles, cups or other containers, University staff reserve the right to approach students and request to inspect the drink, as well as hold students accountable for violations under the provisions of this policy.

Bulk Dispensers: The possession or use of kegs, beer balls, beer taps, alcoholic punches, or any form of alcoholic bulk dispensers is prohibited in the residence halls. The possession or use

of grain alcohol and drinking funnels is prohibited. Responding police officers will confiscate these items for disposal.

Displays: Residents may not collect/display empty beverage containers of any kind (including cans, bottles, boxes and bottle caps) in their room. (See also Trash Removal.)

Games with Alcohol: Alcohol games such as, but not limited to, beer pong, quarters and other games that promote excessive drinking of alcohol are prohibited from being played. Any type of pong is prohibited.

Guest Alcohol Policy: Non-resident guests of SUNY Polytechnic residential students are not permitted to bring alcohol to the SUNY Polytechnic campus at Utica or Albany sites, regardless of the age of the guest.

Hosting Violations (Alcohol)

Resident students are responsible for ensuring that the amount of alcohol in their room/suite is in compliance with quantity limits (see Quantity Limits) and that the ages of any guests or visitors who consume alcohol in their room or suite are over the age of 21. Resident Students who violate this policy may be subjected to more elevated or extended sanctions under the Student Code of Personal Conduct. (see also Hosting)

Outdoor Locations: Alcohol is permitted to be consumed by assigned residents of the complex who are over the age of 21 only in the outdoor, enclosed quad areas of the Adirondack and Mohawk complexes. The Director of Residential Life and/or Chief of University Police retain the right to disallow this privilege at any time if adherence to institutional policy or laws, noise disturbances or trash is deemed problematic. Advertised and group events that include alcohol are not permitted anywhere in the residential areas, including in the quads. Alcohol is not permitted anywhere on the outside grounds at Oriskany residence hall. Glass containers of any kind are not permitted outside at any residential complex.

Quantity Limits: Each resident student of legal drinking age is limited to the possession of the following amounts of four kinds of alcoholic beverages:

- no more than one 12-pack of beer (16 ounce maximum) per resident living within that suite; or
- no more than one 12-pack of wine coolers (16 ounce maximum) per resident living within that suite; or
- no more than one liter of distilled alcohol per resident living within that suite; or
- no more than one liter of wine per resident living within that suite.

Violations (State Laws Enforced): Course of action is determined by the nature of the violation. Refer to Student Code of Personal Conduct, Article VI, F, for sanctions.

- Under 21 Years of Age: Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 is strictly prohibited on the SUNY Polytechnic campus and is a violation of Section 65c New York state law.
- All persons are prohibited from selling, serving or purchasing alcohol for those under the age of 21. This is a violation of Section 260.20, New York state penal laws.

Appliances

Permissible appliances vary by residence. A list of appliances that are permitted, as well as those that are prohibited, are available at <https://sunypoly.edu/student-life/housing-dining/residential-life-housing/utica-residential-life/what-should-i-bring.html>. Each residence hall with corresponding policies is listed on the left of the page.

Bicycles/Motor Vehicles/Snowmobiles

The storage of bicycles and motor vehicles in student rooms, suites, or means of egress (exits) is prohibited. Motor vehicles, including motorcycles and snowmobiles, may not be driven on sidewalks. Snowmobiles are permitted on the Utica site and may be parked in parking lots and driven directly to designated snowmobile trails only. Snowmobiles in Utica must be registered with University Police and parked in a legal parking space when not in use.

Cancellation of Housing and Dining – Withdraw or Mid-Semester or Mid-Year License Termination

Additional financial charges may be applicable if the license termination process is not followed by a student. There are actions that need to happen both prior to withdrawal and at the time of withdrawal/termination.

Before withdrawing from SUNY Polytechnic, a student must at the earliest possible date terminate their housing and dining license by notifying the Office of Residential Life and Housing using the Housing and Dining License Cancellation Request in The Housing Director, Housing and Dining Self Service. Failure to terminate the license in the prescribed manner may result in full charges or additional charges for room rental, dining services, moving and storage.

Upon withdrawal from SUNY Poly, a student must officially terminate housing and dining by:

- removing all belongings and cleaning the assigned room;
- contacting a Residential Life staff member to complete the checkout process;
- signing the Room Condition Report; and
- turning in all residence hall keys to the Office of Residential Life and Housing.

Refund eligibility date (if applicable) will not begin until the resident completes all of the above. Please see the license for refund terms and eligibility.

Notice to the Registrar of course withdrawal does not constitute notice of housing and dining license termination. Residents withdrawing from SUNY Polytechnic must vacate the residence halls and remove all personal belongings from its premises by midnight (12:00 a.m.) of the date on which the withdrawal becomes effective. Student Financial Services will mail any check

resulting from an eligible refund, if applicable, to a withdrawing resident's permanent mailing address on file, if requested.

Permission to terminate this license in the absence of withdrawal from SUNY Polytechnic courses is requested by submitting a Housing and Dining License Cancellation Request with required documentation should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of termination. The Housing and Dining License Cancellation Request is also used to request mid-year release from the Housing and Dining License. The Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs or designee will approve or forward the request to the License Exemption Committee for further review. The License Exemption Committee may consult with or refer the Request for License Cancellation to The Wellness Center or Disability Services or Title IX, if the request for cancellation pertains to a medical need or ADA/Title IX Accommodation. Other considerations for release from the license is given to documented individual circumstances that are beyond the control of the student and which did not exist or could not have been known at the time the license was signed by the student.

Students registering and occupying a room for two (2) weeks or less who officially withdraw from the institution and are approved for termination of housing and dining as outlined above, will receive a pro-rated refund for room and dining based on the number of days since the official residence hall opening date. Any student who occupies a room after the Saturday following the second full week of classes is responsible for the entire semester's dining and room charges. Exceptions may be made when a student withdraws to enter active military service or due to extenuating circumstances beyond his or her control. Exceptions to the refund policy will be reviewed and approved by the License Exemption Committee.

Students who are disciplined and suspended, expelled or otherwise removed from campus housing are not eligible for a housing refund regardless of when the action/discipline occurs.

Students may continue to receive a billing statement and late fees following withdraw from courses and the residence hall if fees are still posting to the account. Students are still required to pay any fees not refunded pursuant to this license.

Care of the Facilities

The furnishings and equipment have been provided for the enjoyment, convenience, and safety of all residents. Residents are responsible for the care and cleanliness of their suite or room and for abiding by institutional policies in maintaining these facilities. Personal furniture is not permitted. Residents are responsible for their guests or visitors and may be held responsible for their actions. Theft or vandalism is prohibited.

Care Team

Care is a SUNY Polytechnic Resource Team that addresses challenging, disruptive, or harmful behavior and situations by providing helpful interventions that are aimed at community safety and student success. Care exists to promote and maintain safety and health by identifying and

assisting struggling students become more connected to services, some of which may include mental health care and/or safety intervention.

The team prioritizes privacy and discretion and maintains communication only with appropriate offices and individuals. Examples of concerns that the Care Team often supports and assists in resolving include but are not limited to:

- Depression
- Eating disorder
- Cutting
- Serious injury or illness
- Death of a student
- A missing student
- Immediate danger/harm
- Sexual assault
- Worrisome or unusual behavior
- Disruption in classroom or residence hall
- Threats, stalking, intimidation
- Hate crimes

There are often many outward signs that a student is in distress. Reporting unusual or odd behavior that causes you concern may just be one more piece of a larger puzzle that the Care Team needs.

Report A Concern About Anyone on Campus if:

- You observed something in someone that has you worried.
- You have seen a classmate or hall mate begin to act differently or strangely.
- You don't know who to ask about a concern, or you just want someone to know you are worried about someone or something.

There are a number of ways to report to the Care Team:

- 1) Call Jennifer Adams, Care Team Chair at 315-792-7810
- 2) Submit a report at www.sunypoly.edu/Care
- 3) Contact a counselor at 315-792-7172 (Note that this method of report will be a confidential contact and will not be forwarded to the Care Team without your permission granted to the counselor).
- 4) Send an email Jennifer Adams at adamsj4@sunypoly.edu

Resident students who are asked to meet with a member of the Care Team to discuss a concern, incident or situation are required to do so, as the Care Team is often an early intervention to reach resolution and advance student success.

The Care Team does NOT handle emergencies or imminent threats. If there is present danger or an immediate crisis please contact University Police IMMEDIATELY at 315-792-7111.

Commercial Activity

No commercial activity may be conducted in or from any residential facility unless approval has been provided under the guidelines of the campus Sales and Solicitation Policy.

Computer Network Access

The SUNY Polytechnic data network is a state-of-the-art high speed infrastructure that supports a broad range of academic, administrative and student computing requirements. SUNY Polytechnic maintains several documents that directly address a constituent's use of our computer services and corresponding data network. Included are the "Computer and Network Resources Statement of Responsibility," "Computer Software Policy," "Computer Use Policy," "Dormitory Connection Policy," "Instructional Computing Guide," and "Web Policy." They are available online at <https://sunypoly.edu/its/policies.html>. Students should also be aware that the policies outlined in the Student Handbook and Residence Hall License are additionally enforced. Students should pay particular attention to the "Academic Integrity Policy" and the "Student Code of Personal Conduct" policies and procedures.

Condition of Suites and Rooms

Room and suite inventory forms must be completed on the day of move in. Residents who choose not to complete inventory forms on the day of move in will not be permitted to appeal damage charges as it will be assumed that the suite/room was in perfect condition.

Common area damage is considered damage that occurs in areas where more than one student has access. Access is defined as having keys to, or card access to, a specific area of the residence halls (e.g., bathroom, living room, hallway, lounges, laundry rooms). Common area damage can include the vestibule and stairway of each building. Common area damage will be assessed to all students who have access to the damaged area only after efforts are made to determine the responsible party. (Students are responsible for themselves and their guests.)

Students may not act to repair any damage to SUNY Polytechnic property by attempting to make a repair themselves, allowing a friend or family member to make the repair or by contracting a third party to make the repair.

Consolidations

Any student who resides alone in a double or triple room will be required to consolidate into a double or triple room with at least one additional roommate, if the single occupancy of a double or triple occurs with the first four weeks of the fall or spring semester.

Decorations

Fire regulations prohibit the blocking of free entry to and from the suite and bedrooms. Do not place decorations on the ceilings. Materials on the ceilings may also impede the activation of smoke and heat detection equipment. Wall and ceiling decorations will increase the speed of fire spread. Wall decorations must be non-combustible and may not cover more than 10% of exposed wall surfaces. This allows for the equivalent of one standard poster in a single bedroom. Natural boughs and trees are prohibited. Students are required to adhere to safe

practices when displaying electrically illuminated lights or decorations. (See “Displays” for additional information.) Electrically powered string-style lights are permitted as long as they are NRTL-approved (e.g. UL Listed) and are not affixed to the walls, ceiling or furniture with adhesive. String lights cannot be used as extension cords to power other equipment and cannot be daisy-chained (linked one to another). LED string lights should be used instead of incandescent lights.

LED strip lights and other lights that affix to the walls or ceiling via adhesive are prohibited in all residential facilities. Students are discouraged from using adhesive hooks and other “Command Strip-type” products, as those products may damage the walls upon removal. Students are charged for a full wall or full room patch and paint if they choose to use these products and damage occurs upon removal by the student or by facilities staff. Small pins and thin nails are preferable to unintentional damage caused by the removal of “Command Strips.”

Dining

All resident students are required to participate in one of the full dining plans offered by campus provided dining services. The Dining License is in effect for the entire academic year when classes are in session. Auxiliary Services administers the meal plans on behalf of SUNY Polytechnic. Changes to the selected dining plan are accepted until 4:00 p.m. the first Friday of classes each semester. After this date, mid-semester dining plan changes are not accepted. Meal plan changes are administered by Auxiliary Services.

Disability/Medical Request for Adjustments

SUNY Polytechnic is committed to upholding and maintaining all aspects of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you are a student with a disability and wish to request adjustments, please contact the Disability Services Office in Cayan Library, 315-792-7170. Any information regarding your disability will remain confidential. Each student housing and dining application also provides the opportunity to request Housing and Dining Accommodations.

Displays

Resident students are permitted to display any posters or other items in their suites that do not violate fire codes or SUNY Polytechnic policies on harassment and discrimination. Displays in the exterior windows or doors are subject to regulation. Fire and safety regulations also prohibit displaying any items in the windows or over / around doorways which would interfere with an emergency exit or rescue. Students with questions about this policy may contact the director of residential life and housing.

Disruptive Behavior/Endangerment

Disruptive behavior, including physical abuse, assault, harassment, threats, excessive noise (which may include loud playing stereos or musical equipment. (See also Quiet and Courtesy Hours), and unruly behavior is prohibited. Behaviors which compromise the peace, safety, and/or health of other residents or compromise the educational mission of SUNY Polytechnic are prohibited. (See also Student Code of Personal Conduct.)

Residential students who act to create or contribute to unsafe or hostile environments may be required by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs to participate in review or assessments as recommended by the Care Team. (See Care Team.) Referral will also be made to the Director of Community Standards and the Title IX Coordinator, if appropriate.

Drugs

The possession or use, without a physician's prescription, of any drug defined as a controlled substance by federal, state, or local laws is strictly prohibited on the SUNY Polytechnic premises. Controlled substances are defined in broadest terms to cover narcotics, depressants, stimulants, and hallucinogens. Drugs or drug-related paraphernalia may be confiscated and used as evidence. (See also Student Code of Personal Conduct.)

Emergency Contact

Residential students are strongly encouraged to enter an emergency contact person in the BANNER student database. A parent or legal guardian is most often the ideal contact, especially if the student is a condition to require medical intervention or insurance coverage. If a SUNY Poly student is transported from the campus to a hospital, emergency room, medical facility via ambulance, the emergency contact is notified by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs (AVPSA). The AVPSA may also, upon consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, contact the emergency contact if reliable information indicates the student is in an emergency situation and at eminent risk of harm. If the student does not provide an emergency contact and is significantly harmed or at eminent risk of harm, the AVPSA, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, may choose to default to a parent or legal guardian as denoted in the BANNER student database, as the emergency contact.

Emergency Notifications

All students are urged to participate in all University Police services offered that provide Emergency Alerts. (RAVE Notification, NY Alert or other program as notified by University Police.) Residential students must provide an emergency contact within BANNER. If an emergency contact is not provided by the student and the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee determines an emergency notification is warranted, the Vice President for Student Affairs may choose to notify a parent or legal guardian as identified for the student in BANNER.

Exemptions from the SUNY Polytechnic Residency Requirement

All students with the admission classification of first year student and who are not qualified for an exemption are required to live on campus for their first two (2) years at SUNY Polytechnic. Students who transfer to SUNY Polytechnic with first year student or second year status must reside on campus until the conclusion of their second year as an enrolled full-time student. Exemptions may be granted for extenuating circumstances, which may include: residency with parent/parents or legal guardian at a permanent home address within thirty (30) miles from campus (residence must have been the permanent home of the parent or legal guardian for a minimum six months prior to enrollment); student has dependents; student is legally married; student has verification of prior military experience; student is twenty-one years of age prior to

August 1, 2021; or other special circumstances. Students may apply for an exemption by submitting the Residency Requirement Exemption Application.

The exemption request process is initiated with completion of the Request for Release from License Application in The Housing Director, Housing and Dining Self Service. The Director of Residential Life will review requests and will approve it or will forward the request to the License Exemption Committee for additional review. The Director and/or Exemption Committee may consult with or defer the Request for License Exemption/Termination to the Wellness Center or Disability Services if the request for license exemption or termination pertains to a medical need or ADA Adjustment. Failure to: (1) pay the balance of a student account; (2) officially check in to the room; or (3) use the housing accommodations provided does not release a student from the obligations created by signing/accepting the terms of the Housing and Dining License.

Facilities and Services

Facilities and services provided by SUNY Polytechnic include:

Bedroom furniture: bed, desk chair, window blinds, mattress, dresser, desk, closet, lamp/light, wireless LAN connection, wall-to-wall carpeting.

Living room furniture in suites and common spaces may include: coffee table, couch, chair, window blinds, lamp/light, wall-to-wall carpeting (except in hallways of Mohawk and Adirondack suites).

Safety and security: 24/7 on call staffing, smoke and heat detectors, sprinklers, closed circuit security cameras covering quad and parking areas at the Utica site, locks on all doors, proximity card access to buildings.

Other conveniences: residential parking (permit must be purchased and car must be registered, incoming postal mail, utilities and laundry. Package pick up service is available at the Campus Center and is facilitated by the facilities department. (See Packages)

Fire Safety

Residents are required to abide by all fire regulations. SUNY Polytechnic is required by state law to conduct a minimum of three fire drills in the residence halls per academic year. When a fire alarm rings all residents must immediately vacate the building. Failing to do so during an alarm will result in disciplinary action. Residential life and housing or college staff may enter resident student suites and rooms to verify compliance. Tampering with fire equipment including but not limited to activation of fire alarm system due to prohibited activity, covering detectors, hanging items from sprinkler heads, painting or placing stickers on fire system components, removing any fire safety equipment, unnecessary use of fire extinguisher, and/or non-compliance with fire regulations may result in disciplinary and/or civil action. Open flame, including the use of candles, potpourri burners, and incense is prohibited. Gas or propane grills or compressed gas containers, charcoal, internal combustion engines, or tires may not be operated or stored in the residence halls or suites. Flammable materials (e.g. spray paints, solvents) shall not be stored in residence halls or suites.

Each semester fire safety inspections are completed by residential life and housing staff in conjunction with the environmental health and safety officer. The State Fire Marshall conducts these inspections. Students are given at least 24 hours' notice prior to inspections. Financial penalties from the State Fire Marshall for violations caused by students will be charged to the student(s) account(s).

As outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, actions that cause or attempt to cause a fire or explosion, falsely reporting a fire, explosion or an explosive device, tampering with fire safety equipment, inappropriate/ or unauthorized activation of the fire alarm system or failure to evacuate SUNY Poly buildings during a fire alarm are prohibited. Residential students who cause a false alarm via any of these actions, including possessing or utilizing an item prohibited in these Residential Policies and Procedures may face conduct changes as well as residential restrictions and/or loss of privileges as imposed by the Director of Residential Life and/or designee

Guest and Visitor Policies

All residential facilities have guest and visitation policies and required registration. This policy is intended to protect the rights of all residents in a suite and to support the academic mission of the residence halls.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute resident students are permitted to have guests and visitors under the following guidelines:

Guests

- a. A "guest" is defined as a currently enrolled SUNY Polytechnic student who is not a resident student of the building he/she is visiting.
- b. SUNY Polytechnic student guests are required to be registered with Residential Life if visiting a residence, and are considered an overnight guest, if they are in residence between the hours of midnight and 9:00am. They must be registered as an overnight guest, for any length of time between these hours, via the Online Residential Guest or Visitor Registration Form.
- c. SUNY Polytechnic student guests who are not a resident of the must be escorted at all times by a resident of the building they are visiting, regardless of the time of the visit.

Visitors

- a. A "visitor" is defined as an individual who is not a SUNY Polytechnic Institute student who is visiting a current student of SUNY Polytechnic Institute. Formerly enrolled students of SUNY Polytechnic Institute, alumni of SUNY Polytechnic Institute, family members and friends, including students of other colleges and universities are considered non-student "visitors."
- b. At all times, all visitors must be registered with the Residential Life Office prior to entering a residential complex, through the Online Residential Guest or Visitor Registration Form. The hosting student must have permission from their roommate(s) in order for an overnight guest and/or visitor to stay in the room.

c. Visitors with vehicles must obtain parking permits from University Police before parking anywhere on campus, including at the residences. Registered visitors and overnight guests are required to park in designated parking located in E, F, and J lots.

Guest and Visitor Policies and Expectations

a. The consent of roommates must be obtained before guests or visitors are invited to visit any residence. Due to shared space and shared restrooms, all roommates and suitemates retain the right to reject guests and visitors over the opportunity for the other residents to host guests and visitors.

b. Resident students may not host overnight guests or visitors for more than three consecutive nights or more than six nights in any one calendar month, in total. Roommates and suitemates do NOT have the right to allow extension of overnight privileges. Roommate and suitemates who knowingly allow another resident to exceed the guest or visitation policy may also be subject to conduct charges for violations of residential policy.

c. A resident student may host no more than two guests and/visitors at one time.

d. Persons who have been suspended or dismissed from SUNY Polytechnic Institute or the residence halls via sanctions issued through the Student Conduct System or who are persona non grata via University Police are not permitted in Oriskany, Adirondack or Mohawk residential facilities at any time without prior permission from the Director of Residential Life.

e. Resident student hosts are responsible for the conduct of their guests and visitors and are advised to make their guests familiar with college policies and must escort guests and visitors AT ALL TIMES. Residents will also be held financially accountable for any damage caused by their guests and visitors. Residents will be charged via the Student Code of Personal Conduct for failure to escort guests and visitors. A resident may be charged with violations of the guest policy if:

1. The resident student provided access to guest or visitor and failed to escort him/her inside the complex
2. It is determined that a host failed to escort a guest or visitor inside the complex
3. It is determined that a resident student knowingly failed to report an unescorted guest or visitor

f. Guests and visitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all times while in the residence hall. (Does not apply to enrolled residential students who are under the age of 18.)

g. Prospective student visits and overnight visits must be officially scheduled with Admission or the Athletic Department. Required paperwork, including signature of the parent or legal guardian of the perspective student, must be filed with the Office of Residential Life and Housing 24 hours in advance. The student host is responsible for confirming that all roommates and/or suitemates approve of use of the room and/or suite as a host site for prospective students and for notifying roommates and/or suitemates of a prospective student overnight visit in advance. No other guests or visitors are permitted overnight when students are hosting a prospective student in the room (ORK) suite (ADK/MOH.)

h. Babysitting/childcare of a minor under the age of 18 for any length of time is not permitted in the residence halls.

- i. For social gatherings, maximum Mohawk and Adirondack suite occupancy has been established at 20 persons, including the assigned suite residents.
- j. Students are responsible for the actions of their guests and visitors and must accompany them at all times, for the duration of the visit. Students are responsible for informing their visitors of SUNY Polytechnic Institute rules and regulations.
- k. No student or their overnight guest or visitor may sleep overnight in public areas, including lounges.
- l. With the exception of family move in assistance, guests and visitors are not permitted during the early arrival period that occurs prior to the first day of classes. Guests and visitors are not permitted during break periods, for those students who are approved to remain in residence. Guests and visitors are not permitted in the residences during the final examination period at the end of each semester.
- m. The use of residence hall laundry facilities are for resident students only. Theft of laundry services will be taken seriously. Non-residents who use laundry facilities, as well as the resident who provided access to the laundry room, will be charged with theft of services and other charges as appropriate via University Police and the Student Code of Personal Conduct.
- n. The Residential Guest and Visitor Registration Form is available online at www.sunypoly.edu/reslife under Forms. Student guests must be registered between midnight and 9am, visitors must be registered at all times.

This policy is intended to protect the rights of all residents in a suite and to support the academic mission of the residence halls. Therefore, residents and their guests/visitors must follow these policies:

- The consent of roommates must be obtained before guests are invited to visit.
- Resident students may not host overnight guests or visitors for more than three consecutive nights or more than six nights in any one calendar month. This total applies to all overnight guests or visitors the student hosts and is not a per guest total. A resident student may host no more than two overnight guests at one time.
- Persons who have been suspended or dismissed from SUNY Poly or the residence halls are not permitted in residential facilities at any time without prior permission from the chief housing officer.
- Resident student hosts are responsible for the conduct of their visitors/guests and are advised to make their visitors/guests familiar with college policies. Residents will also be held financially accountable for any damage caused by their visitors or guests.
- Persons under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a legal guardian at all times while in the residence hall. Underage siblings are not permitted to stay overnight or be in residence halls without a parent or legal guardian at any time.
- Babysitting/childcare for any person age 16 or younger for any length of time is not permitted in the residence halls.
- The use of residential laundry facilities are for resident students only. Theft of laundry services will be taken seriously. Non-residents who use laundry facilities, as well as the resident who provided access to the laundry room, will be charged with theft of services and other charges as appropriate via University Police and the Student Code of Personal Conduct. (See also Laundry.)

- Visitors and overnight guests are required to park in designated parking located in E, F, and J lots.
- For social gatherings, maximum Mohawk and Adirondack suite occupancy has been established at 20 persons, including the suite residents.

Hosting

Resident students who host guests and/or visitors in their room in instances when violations of policy, local, state or federal laws occur may receive both conduct charges and loss of residential privileges. Examples of hosting violations include but are not limited to; alcohol consumed by underage roommates/suitemates/guests/visitors in the resident host's room, regardless of who provided the alcohol, allowing non student visitors of any age or underage student guests to bring alcohol into the residence and/or room, student guests age 21 or over exceeding the quality limits, the presence and/or use of illegal drugs in the room regardless of who provided them, the tampering of fire equipment in the room, including covering the smoke detectors.

In addition to student conduct proceedings, resident students who host guests or visitors who violate any SUNY Poly policies, local, state or federal laws may lose residential privileges including but not limited to; the ability to host future guests and visitors, the ability to stay in residence over breaks and the ability to be a late stay or early arrival regardless of purpose (including athletic practice or competition, individual travel limitations, employment, research or any other business) loss of room selection priority for the following year and/or immediate or deferred reassignment to another residential locations. Loss of residential privileges are at the discretion of the Director of Residential Life and may be assessed immediately and in addition to or in conjunction with conduct sanctions.

Housing License and Agreement

All students living on campus are required to sign a SUNY Polytechnic Housing License for a space, not a specific room. The housing license is for the entire academic year and cannot be canceled during this period as long as the student is registered full time for classes. Consult the license for further information regarding release and exemptions. (Also see Exemptions from the Housing License). First year students and sophomores, including transfer students, are required to live on campus unless commuter approval or special off-campus exemption is requested and approved prior to the start of the academic year.

Keys/ID Cards

Keys/ID cards (proximity cards used to access residences) are provided for residents as a matter of convenience and security. The unauthorized use or reproduction of a key/ID card for any college room or facility is prohibited. Allowing another person to use keys or ID cards for building or room access for any reason is misuse and is prohibited. Lost keys/ID cards must be reported to the residential life and housing staff or University Police immediately so that building, meal, and Wildcat Point services are immediately revoked from the card. The loss of a residence room key will result in the re-keying of the individual room and all other rooms in the suite and all affected mailboxes. The resident is responsible for associated charges of \$150.00

per lost key. (See also, Security Policy). *As the ID serves as a key for entry, resident students are required to carry their ID card at all times.*

Residential students are responsible for carrying their ID at all times, as this serves as their access to their residential space.

Lockouts are not considered an emergency. A student who is locked out of their room can only be re-admitted to the room by Residential Life staff members. University Police Officers and Facilities staff members will not key into any students room for the purpose of resolving a lock out. One professional staff member serves on call and depending upon their availability, it may take up to 3 hours for the on call staff member to respond to a lock out.

Kitchens

Mohawk and Adirondack complexes provide minimal kitchenettes with stoves in the common area lounges. Oriskany Hall and Hilltop Hall offer full kitchens with full appliances. Residents of Oriskany also have a kitchenette available on their designated floors. Kitchens and kitchenettes are designed for students to supplement and enhance their meal plans, not to replace them. Students are expected to take exceptional care in using these kitchens in a safe manner. Students who misuse the kitchens or fail to clean up after themselves will be subject to losing the privilege of using the kitchens and/or other disciplinary actions.

When determining interest in remaining in housing over breaks (when eligible to request break housing) or when requesting summer housing, students at the Utica site should consider that minimal cooking accommodations are available. Sodexo has limited or no hours of operation during breaks.

Laundry

Laundry facilities are available in each residential complex. Laundry facilities do not require coins or cards, as the service is included in the residential room rate. Laundry facilities are accessible 24 hours a day and are for resident students only. Residents who provide access to and use of laundry services to non-residents will be charged with theft of services and any other applicable charges.

Lofting and Bunking of Beds

Beds in double and triple rooms may be bunked or lofted by submission of a Work Order via the Residential Life Work Order System. Beds may be lofted or bunked only by Facilities staff and with SUNY Poly provided furnishing only. Not all SUNY Poly beds are able to be lofted or bunked. Only bunked beds and lofts with rails, a safety support rail and ladders are eligible for bunking or lofting.

Noxious or Offensive Odors

A noxious or offensive odor is any aroma of such intensity that it becomes disruptive to others. Nearly any aroma can become noxious or offensive when it is overwhelmingly strong. Some examples might include incense, cigarette, cigar, or pipe smoke (Note: smoking is prohibited in

all buildings and within 25 feet of all entrances or windows); perfume, air freshening spray, or large amounts of dirty laundry or garbage. Residents are urged to use courtesy and good judgment about this potentially annoying concern. Residential life and housing staff members may ask residents to take corrective action if complaints about odors are received.

Occupancy (Maximum Occupancy per Fire Code)

In accordance with the residence hall guest policy and applicable fire/safety regulations, SUNY Polytechnic has determined the maximum occupancy for Utica residence halls:

- Each residence hall suite in Mohawk and Adirondack to be 20 persons (including those who are the resident students and including bedrooms). Suite residents are responsible for ensuring that this maximum occupancy is not exceeded. No resident is eligible to host more than 2 guests at any one time. (See Guest and Visitor Policies and Expectations)
- Each single bedroom in Adirondack, Mohawk and Oriskany complexes to be five persons.
- Each single bedroom in Hilltop Hall to be five persons.
- Each double/triple bedroom in Adirondack, Mohawk and Oriskany complexes to be nine persons.
- Each double/triple bedroom in Hilltop Hall complexes to be nine persons.

Packages

Residential students may have packages delivered to them at SUNY Polytechnic. Package receiving services are provided by the facilities department. Student packages are available for student pick up at the Campus Center during posted hours. Package room hours are consolidated during holiday breaks. Students must account for delays that will occur beyond the shipping method utilized by the shipping company. Facilities receives packages during business hours only, Monday through Friday, when the institution is open. Packages are delivered to the Campus Center after being received at Central Receiving and then are sorted by staff for student pickup, resulting in a delivery that will take longer than would be expected at a residential home address. Students will receive an email notification when packages are available for pick up.

Personal Property/Personal Belongings

SUNY Polytechnic does not accept liability for residents' personal property. The institution shall not be liable to residents or guests for damage to personal property caused by water, theft, rain, fire, steam, sewer, pipes, plumbing, refrigerators, laundry machines or dryers. Students at both Utica and Albany sites are advised to seek insurance for personal belongings. Liability for risk, injury and/or damage to personal property are expressly assumed by the student.

Pest Control

Residents experiencing infestation problems with any pest should immediately report the problem to their residence hall Assistant Director/Residence Director. All students must comply with the requirements of the pest control program as they are communicated to them in response. Residents may not refuse to follow a pest treatment program and must properly prepare for any University official or pest control officer acting to inspect or manage a pest

report. Residents may not remove any pest control device placed by the institution or by a company contracted by the institution. Note that bug and inspect pesticide cannot be applied to a residential space if a specimen of the pest is not available.

Pets

Except for non-carnivorous freshwater aquarium fish, pets are not permitted to visit or be kept in the residence halls. Fish must be kept in aquarium tanks of less than 10 gallons. Specially trained companion dogs for disabled persons and therapy animals are not classified as “pets” under this policy. Please consult the Director of Disability Services for questions regarding emotional support or service animals in residence under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Prohibited Items

Students are prohibited from possessing the following items in residence halls: space heaters, incense, firearms or other weapons (or weapon components), immersion heaters, open fires, cooking appliances, air fryers, instant pots, pressure cookers, air conditioners, hot plates, explosives, dartboards, extra furniture including desk chairs and personal mattresses (unless specifically approved), ceiling fans, water beds, hot tubs, subwoofers, air horns, baby/toddler/inflatable pools, outside television antennas of any type or halogen torchiere lamps. Holiday lights/string lights/mini string lights must be NRTL-approved (e.g. UL, ETL, CSA listed), are prohibited for use as extension cords and cannot be hung on the ceiling, in or around doorways or across windows or walkways.

Unless otherwise allowed in a published supplement, Oriskany residents and Hilltop residents are not permitted to have microwaves in their rooms, as they are provided in kitchens and kitchenettes.

Extension cords are prohibited. Only UL approved, electrical, polarized, grounded power strips with fuses (or circuit breakers) are acceptable. Daisy chaining power strips together is prohibited. The maximum amperage of such devices may not exceed 15 amps.

Residents in Hilltop Hall may have one television per bedroom, not to exceed 42”.

3D Printers

3D Printing services are provided in the CGAM Additive Manufacturing Lab in Donovan Hall (G160). 3D printers or other devices or activities that may release harmful contaminants are prohibited.

Machine Tools, Power Tools

Use of power tools, machine tools, or other activities involving powered equipment is prohibited in residence halls. Use of these tools may be prohibited on the outdoor grounds surrounding the halls or in hall parking lots if the Chief of University Police or Director of Environmental Health and Safety deem their use to be a risk to people and property, including vehicles. Students who wish to use machine or power tools on the residential grounds or in parking lots should seek prior approval for their use and application.

All prohibited materials, devices, objects, and animals will be confiscated by staff or University Police. SUNY Polytechnic is under no obligation to return confiscated items to students who bring them into the residence halls. Appropriate action will be taken in response to discovery of prohibited items under applicable laws and/or College rules and regulations. The list of prohibited items may be updated at any time by the Office of Residential Life and Housing upon written notice.

Quiet Hours/Courtesy Hours

The residential life and housing office has outlined specific quiet hours and continuous courtesy hours, which are designed to support an environment conducive to study and sleep.

Students who reside in the SUNY Poly residence halls agree to conform to standards of considerate behavior. Respect for the privacy of others and compliance with an environment conducive to study and community living are expected. At all times each resident is expected to be courteous of others by monitoring noise levels so others are not disturbed and by responding immediately and respectfully to requests to be quieter. Other students should not have to ask any one student to lower noise levels on a continuous basis, and ongoing failure to comply with the requests of neighbors and staff to keep noise within private rooms is not acceptable.

Students are under a continuous, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week obligation to be considerate of other students. Disruptive behavior, including noise that extends beyond the residents individual bedroom, is prohibited. This includes noise from a stereo, speakers placed in a window or any other noise disruptive to students in other rooms. The right of any student to sleep and study always supersedes the desire of other students to create loud noise or entertain guests or visitors. No suite, floor or building is permitted to eliminate the courtesy hours or shorten the quiet hours.

Quiet Hours

Sunday through Thursday, 11 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Friday and Saturday, Midnight to 8 a.m.

Courtesy hours exist at all other times and are a minimum condition to allow residents the right to study and sleep.

During finals weeks, 24-hour Quiet Hours are in effect and cannot be changed. Each resident is expected to initially confront any noise problem that is of concern to him/her and to call upon the staff if assistance is needed.

Recreation and Weightlifting Equipment

Students are prohibited from playing sports or rough-housing in the halls as this is not conducive to the indoor learning environment and may cause damage inside the building. Prohibited recreation indoors includes, but are not limited to, tossing, bouncing, or kicking a ball or frisbee, roller blading, biking, using a scooter or skateboard, using nerf guns, water guns or water balloons.

Residents are prohibited from engaging in outdoor recreation activities in the vicinity of the residence hall area if the activity presents a danger to personal safety or property or a disruption to the academic living environment. Residents are urged to be respectful of others and to use good judgment when participating in outdoor recreational activities near the residence halls.

The use or storage of athletic free weights and weight benches in the residence halls is prohibited.

Reporting Repairs

Residents are responsible for immediately reporting needed repairs for their suite or room and all fixtures, furniture, fire and safety equipment, and effects therein to residential life and housing staff. Prompt notification is required to prevent serious problems from developing. Students are prohibited from doing their own repairs in SUNY Polytechnic-owned housing. Spackling, painting, and any other repairs are prohibited.

Right of Inspection/Health and Safety Inspections

SUNY Polytechnic reserves authorized employees' the right to enter residence hall suites at any time to ensure the safety and well-being of members of the college community and the good condition of SUNY Polytechnic property, and for the following purposes: housekeeping, maintenance, damage inspection, occupancy and vacancy determination, emergencies, investigation of suspected violations of the Student Code of Conduct and/or the Housing and Dining License and for announced health and safety inspections.

The Director of Residential Life and Housing may determine that a room safety or welfare check of a student is warranted, if sufficient, reliable information indicates a student may be in danger or is suspected missing and is also not responding to requests at the door for entry to the room. No staff member may enter a student's room for a safety check without permission from the Director of Residence Life, Vice President for Student Affairs or the Chief of University Police, and all safety/welfare checks will be conducted by one Residential Life staff member and one University Police Officer.

Residence life staff or University Police may enter a student's room at any time without notice if they have sufficient information to believe there is an imminent threat to life safety occurring in the room.

At the close of the residence halls and during breaks, the residential life and housing and facilities staff will enter rooms to check for plugged-in appliances, trash, open windows, lights, unlocked doors, etc. Each semester the residential life and housing staff will conduct health and safety inspections at all residences. Rooms are inspected for illegal or inappropriately used electrical appliances and/or health and safety hazards, including assessing cleanliness. Any violation will result in disciplinary action against the resident and confiscation of prohibited items (See also Prohibited Items). Inspection periods will be announced a minimum of 48 hours in advance. It is preferred that students be present during inspections. If residents are unable to be

present following attempts to reschedule a convenient time for all, staff will enter rooms in pairs. When conducting health and safety inspections, and before entering a resident's premises, residential life and housing staff will knock and announce themselves. Items in plain view that are specifically prohibited or pose an immediate danger to the room, safety or life will be removed.

Students will be given written notice of the outcome of the inspection, and given 24 to 48 hours to address violations, including cleanliness concerns.

Sales and Solicitation

Solicitation and/or sales by residents or outside agents are not permitted in the residence halls. The posting of any advertisement or non-college related material must be authorized by the Center for Student Involvement in accordance with the Campus Posting Policy, and then approved by the Assistant Director/Residence Director. When approved, Resident Advisor staff will post signs in approved locations. For more information, please refer to the Campus Posting Policy.

Screens and Windows

The removal, loss, or damage of a window or screen from student rooms or suites is prohibited and may result in installation/replacement charges and disciplinary action. The throwing of objects from windows and the placing of any objects outside the window, including aerials, speakers, banners, flyers, and other equipment, is prohibited.

Security

SUNY Polytechnic has provided each residence with various security systems which are designed to enhance the safety of the residents. However, security and safety is a shared responsibility between SUNY Polytechnic and students residing in the residential facilities. Therefore, residents are required to comply with policies in order to maintain the security of the buildings.

Residents are required to keep their room/suite and exterior building doors locked at all times when they are not present or are sleeping. Residents are strongly advised to insure all of their personal property against loss, damage, and/or theft by appropriate individual or family insurance coverage.

Residents and their guests will be subject to conduct referral if they attempt to bypass the residential security systems in any of the following manners;

- A. Entering or leaving a residence hall via a window or unauthorized door.
- B. Entering a secured area behind someone (also known as "tailgating") in order to obtain access to an area not authorized
- C. Allowing any person without access, and who is not a guest for whom the student is responsible, to enter an area.
- D. Using another student's key or ID card.

E. Allowing any other person to use their key or ID card, including to utilize laundry facilities.

Snow Removal

In order to keep parking lots open to traffic, emergency snow removal procedures are enacted in the Utica site residence hall parking lots during the winter months. Residents may be required to move vehicles from the parking lots in the residence hall area during the snow removal process. Vehicles that are not moved may be ticketed and/or towed away for impoundment. (Note: The student is responsible for applicable charges). Residents will be notified by advance posting for snow removal.

Failure to comply with snow removal directives may result in student conduct charges.

Summer Occupancy

This license is in effect for students who request and are approved for housing for the summer session of 2022. Summer housing is offered only to students on campus for an approved academic purpose, and the student must be a full-time resident student in the proceeding spring and following fall semester. Students requesting summer housing will be reassigned to campus suites designated for that purpose. In addition to students, conference guests may occupy certain residence hall rooms during the summer months. Therefore, summer students may be subject to special policies and regulations related to conference groups housed on campus. In addition, students may be required to move to accommodate maintenance work in the residence halls. Fire and safety regulations and health regulations prohibit the cooking of meals in the residence hall suites, including during the summer months. Students may prepare light snacks within rooms and suites. There is also a kitchen unit in the common area of each residential complex.

The Housing Director and Housing and Dining Self-Service

The SUNY Poly Residential Life Office uses “The Housing Director,” also known as “THD” a software program developed by Adirondack Solutions, to administer housing and dining. “Housing and Dining Self-Service” is the online platform that provides resident students with access to housing applications, housing forms including work orders and guest registration and other services related to housing and dining. Housing and Dining Self-Service is accessed via Banner.

Tobacco Free/E-Cigarette/Non-Smoking Policy (Residential Facilities)

The purpose of the non-smoking policy is to limit exposure of the SUNY Polytechnic residence hall community to the second-hand effects of tobacco use and to reduce the risk of fire in and around the residence halls. Tobacco is defined as all tobacco and tobacco-derived products intended for human consumption, including but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, hookah or water-pipe devices, pipes, smokeless products, clove cigarettes, bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, cannabis, smokeless tobacco (chew) and snuff.

Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes can activate fire alarms systems in all dormitories (or other campus buildings) and is prohibited. These devices produce enough vapor to activate smoke alarms. Activation of smoke alarms results in evacuation of the building. Multiple false alarm evacuations may cause people to respond slowly or not at all when a real fire emergency is occurring. In addition, University Police and the Maynard Fire Department respond to these alarms whenever they occur. These firefighters put their lives on the line when they respond and are here to protect our community.

Significant and increasing disciplinary action will result from the activation of fire alarm systems due to prohibited smoking and e-cigarettes.

Cleaning and maintaining e-cigarettes indoors can also trigger the fire alarm. PLEASE DO NOT perform maintenance on your e-cigarettes indoors.

- Absolutely no tobacco products or smoking of any product or drug will be permitted inside any residence hall room, suite or building (including entry canopy).
- Smoking of any product or drug is not permitted within 25 feet of residential buildings.
- Students are responsible for the proper disposal of waste associated with tobacco use in campus-provided receptacles.
- Students are responsible for notifying their guests of the tobacco/smoking policy and ensuring they are abiding by the policy.
- Damage/cleaning charges, restitution to the fire department for response services as well as conduct charges may apply to students who choose to violate the tobacco policy.
- Hookah's and similar devices hold ashes that are a fire risk even when not lit. These items are prohibited from the residence halls.
- This policy stresses the rights of residents to enjoy a tobacco-free environment in the residence halls. It relies on the cooperation of the entire college community. It is the responsibility of all members in the college community to observe the tobacco policy and to direct those who choose to use tobacco products to do so only in the designated smoking areas.

Trash Removal

Residents are responsible for taking their trash to the designated dumpsters. Personal room trash must be taken directly to the building dumpsters and may not be deposited in the common trash cans of kitchenettes or lounges in any facility. Bottles and cans should be returned immediately and not stored in the residence hall suites. (Also see Alcohol Policy: Displays.) Residents who do not dispose of their trash in designated containers may be referred for disciplinary action. Residents should review notices outlining the program. Trash cannot be placed in hallways, stairways, lobbies or outside for any length of time.

Winter Break Occupancy

Residence halls will remain open during the fall and spring semesters. Residence halls are officially closed during the winter break. Residents housed during break periods must be on the campus for an approved academic purpose and pay an additional pro-rated charge determined

by the SUNY Polytechnic, payable in advance. Specific accommodations for the winter break may be limited and break housing may not be offered in the resident's regularly assigned room. Graduating students eligible to remain for Commencement ceremonies are required to vacate the residence halls by 5:00 p.m. on graduation day. Exceptions may be granted by the Director of Residential Life or designee.

Wireless Equipment

Tampering with or removing any wireless device or equipment is strictly prohibited.

Calendar of Residence Hall Occupancy

Calendars of Occupancy and Calendars for Sodexo Dining Services are available under each residence at www.sunypoly.edu/residential_life.

All regulations and provisions herein shall remain in effect unless changed or modified by official written notice.