Life in a University housing facility is based on the premise that learning on a college campus occurs both inside and outside of the classroom. In order to maintain a successful residential environment, residents must feel like they are part of a supportive and caring community that allows them to sleep, study, develop relationships with others, and connect to the UK campus. As such, University Housing Community Standards have been established with the goals of the residential community in mind and in accordance with University policies, and local, state, and federal laws.

All members of the residential community, students and staff alike, are responsible for maintaining University Housing Community Standards. If a student engages in behavior that is considered a violation of one of these standards, a staff member will write a report of the incident and refer the report to the appropriate individual or office for review and follow up. Additionally, attempts to engage in prohibited behaviors or assisting in commission of such behaviors can be treated as if the attempted violation has been completed. Follow-up on an incident report may involve an informal meeting between the student and a conduct officer, who may be a Resident Director or other Residence Life staff member. In some situations, an incident may be managed by the Office of Student Conduct. After discussing the incident, if the conduct officer determines it is more likely than not a violation of the community standards occurred, a restorative action may be issued. Possible restorative actions include, but are not limited to: written warning, conduct or residence hall probation, restriction of visitation privileges, monetary restitution, community restitution, completion of substance education workshops, participation in educational programs, transfer to another housing facility, or cancellation of the housing contract.

Rights in the University Housing Student Conduct Process are as follows:

1. To be treated fairly in the university housing student conduct process.
2. For Respondent(s), to be provided written notice of any allegation or formal charge of the misconduct, as well as a description of the alleged misconduct.
3. For Respondent(s), to be presumed not responsible for a violation until determined otherwise. The burden of proving a violation of the University Housing Community Standards and/or Code is on UK.
4. To review the information contained in the Student Conduct Report, with all personally identifying information of other Students removed (if appropriate), in advance of a meeting or hearing.
5. To have access to the recording of a hearing in which the Student is the Respondent(s) or Complainant(s).
6. To present relevant information verbally or in writing on their behalf.
7. To have up to two (2) Support Persons present at a meeting or hearing to provide emotional or other support.
8. To know the identity of persons speaking or providing written information for a Hearing Board.
9. To ask reasonable questions and challenge, either verbally or in writing, the allegation(s), formal charge(s), or information provided during a student conduct meeting.
10. To not speak or answer any question during a student conduct meeting. Refusal to do so is not considered admitting responsibility for an alleged violation.
11. To request that a member of a Hearing Board be removed from the hearing based on a conflict of interest or bias.
12. To provide an impact statement(s) for consideration during the restorative action phase of a formal hearing or during a restorative conference.
13. For Respondent(s), to appeal any decision concerning cancellation or suspension of their housing contract to the Hearing Board.
In cases where a restorative action is issued, the student may request an outcome review. Outcome reviews are managed by an Assistant Director or Associate Director within the Office of Residence Life and decisions resulting from outcome reviews are final.

Outcome reviews must be based on one or more of the following assertions:

1. The information that was available to the conduct officer was insufficient to support the decision that a violation of policy occurred,

2. The assigned restorative action is too severe for the violation that occurred, and/or

3. New information is available that was not available during the original student conduct meeting.

If an informal resolution is not reached in cases where housing contract cancellation is a recommended outcome, a student can request an outcome review with the Housing Contract Review Committee based on the criteria listed above. The Housing Contract Review Committee (“Committee”) is a three (3) person committee composed of the Director for the Office of Residence Life (Committee chair), the Director of Auxiliary Services, and the Executive Director of Campus Housing. Should a member of the Committee be unavailable, the Chair will determine a suitable replacement. Committee meetings are closed meetings that permit UK and the Respondent to address the alleged violation or restorative actions. Only individuals with a legitimate role in the conduct process are permitted to attend or participate in the meeting. The Committee chair will determine if an individual has a legitimate role in the review process.

The Respondent may be assisted by up to two (2) Support Person(s) of their choice and at their own expense. Support Persons(s) are not permitted to speak or to participate directly during the process. A Respondent should select a Support Person(s) whose schedule allows attendance at the scheduled date and time for the hearing. Delays of a meeting or hearing are not normally allowed because of the scheduling conflicts of a Support Person.

The burden of proving a violation of the University Housing Community Standards is on UK. The Respondent is presumed to be not responsible until determined otherwise. The Committee’s determination will be made based on the preponderance of evidence standard. Preponderance of Evidence means that it is more likely than not (at least 50.1% certain) that the Respondent is responsible for the alleged act. The Respondent is responsible for presenting their own information to the Committee. If the Respondent chooses not to participate or fails to appear before the Committee, the Committee will review the available information and make a determination in the Respondent’s absence.

If the Respondent has not accepted responsibility, after receiving all pertinent information, the Committee will determine whether the Respondent has violated any University Housing Communication Standard policy. If the Committee determines the Respondent has violated the UHCS, the Committee will determine restorative actions. The Chair will provide a written rationale for the decision and assign appropriate restorative actions. If the Committee determines the Respondent has not violated any UHCS section, the case will be dismissed. If Respondent has previously accepted responsibility, after receiving all pertinent information, the Committee will determine restorative actions.

The Committee Chair will provide a written outcome to the Respondent via the Respondent’s UK email address no more than seven (7) business days following the meeting, unless circumstances exist that would delay issuance of the written outcome. The written outcome must describe the rationale for the decision and any restorative actions imposed. Decisions resulting from the Housing Contract Review Committee are final.

**Note:** In certain circumstances, a student may be temporarily or permanently removed from housing before a student conduct meeting occurs. An interim removal or housing contract cancellation is imposed to ensure the health, safety, or wellbeing of members of the residence hall community or to preserve property. Interim removals will be followed by a meeting with an Office of Student Conduct or Office of Residence Life staff member. For more information about the student conduct process, [www.uky.edu/studentconduct](http://www.uky.edu/studentconduct).
The following behaviors do not adhere to the community standards of the residential environment:

1) Use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of marijuana, heroin, narcotics, or other controlled substances and/or paraphernalia except as expressly permitted by law,
2) Public intoxication due to marijuana, heroin, narcotics, or other controlled substances as defined by KRS 525.100,
3) Possession of containers or paraphernalia related to marijuana, heroin, narcotics, or other controlled substance use,
4) Use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages as defined by the Administrative Regulation 6.4. Alcoholic beverages may not, in any circumstance, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under twenty-one (21) years of age,
5) Public intoxication due to alcoholic beverages as defined by the Administrative Regulation 6.4,
6) Participation in alcohol drinking games and the possession of instruments designed to encourage excessive drinking (e.g., beer bongs),
7) Possession of alcohol containers or paraphernalia,
8) Use of any tobacco products on University premises or inside any University facility as defined by Administrative Regulation 6.5. Areas include buildings and structures, grounds, parking structures, enclosed bridges and walkways, sidewalks, parking lots, and vehicles, as well as personal vehicles in these areas,
9) Physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, harassment, coercion, and/or other conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person,
10) Retaliation, either directly or indirectly through others, against any individual involved in a student conduct proceeding or member of the University community,
11) Defacing, disfiguring, damaging, or destroying public or private property,
12) Failure to comply with directions of University officials or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties. An example of a violation is failure to properly identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so,
13) Sexual misconduct, including non-consensual sexual activity, sexual harassment, and/or sexual exploitation as defined by Administrative Regulation 6.2,
14) Public exposure, defined as the exposure of the private or intimate parts of the body, in a lewd manner when the student may be readily observed,
15) Stalking, as defined by Administrative Regulation 6.2,
16) Hazing, as defined by Administrative Regulation 6.10,
17) Unapproved possession of property or taking items without permission, and/or damage to property of the University, property of a member of the University community, or other personal or public property, on or off campus. Possession includes knowing possession of stolen property,
18) Illegal or unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, other weapons, or dangerous chemicals on University premises or use of any such item, even if legally possessed, in a manner that harms, threatens or causes fear or alarm to others. Weapons include but are not limited to hunting knives, air soft guns, paint ball guns, machetes, swords, daggers, nunchucks, throwing stars, etc.,
19) Acts of dishonesty, including but, not limited to the following:
   A. Furnishing false information to any University official, faculty member, or office,
   B. Falsifying financial means, including, but not limited to cash, checks, or money orders, to the University or a member of the University community. Recurring financial over-obligation and nonpayment of debts to the University,
   C. Bribing any University employee or student official,
   D. Impersonating any University employee or student official,
   E. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of any University document, record, or instrument of identification,
   F. Falsely accusing another of misconduct,
   G. Assisting another in a violation of University policy, including the Code of Student Conduct or University Housing Community Standards,
20) Abuse of the student conduct system, as defined in the Code of Student Conduct,
21) Violating the following visitation/guest policy:
   A. Allowing another resident, guest, or animal to violate university policy in the residence hall. A resident may be held accountable for the behavior of his/her guest or animal on residential property,
   B. Failure to comply with the visitation policy, including but not limited to: violating the sign-in/sign-out procedures, or failing to escort one’s guest at all times,
Failure to follow minor visitation policy. Minors visiting between the ages of 13-17 may be checked in for visitation between 8:00am and 12:00am. Visitations by minors between 12:00am and 8:00am are considered overnight visitations and minors must have submitted a Minor Visitation Form 24 hours prior and be approved by the Resident Director or House Director. Requests are not monitored during University breaks and holidays.

Cohabitation in the residence halls is prohibited. Cohabitation exists when a person who is not assigned to a residence hall room uses that room as if they were living there and, potentially, hinders a roommate’s ability to sleep, study, or occupy their room. A person who is not a resident of the room is not allowed to stay for more than three consecutive overnights, 2am-8am, in any two-week period or as deemed excessive by the Resident Director.

Residents and guests may only use community restrooms designated for their gender identity. All guests needing to use community restrooms should be escorted by their host to the bathroom door.

Projecting, throwing, or launching any object, substance, or laser pointer, directed to, from, into, or onto University housing windows, doors, terraces, ledges, roofs, or other areas, that have the potential for damaging or defacing property, causing personal injury, or disrupting the campus community.

Using, or attempting to use, University property in a manner inconsistent with its designated purpose. This includes, but is not limited to: removal of furniture or equipment from lounges, classrooms, or rooms, misusing recycle or trash bins, or opening windows that are intended to be secured.

Unauthorized possession, duplication, or use of keys/access cards to any University premises or unauthorized entry to or use of University premises, this includes misusing an ID card or key as entrance into any housing facility or residence hall room.

Students will receive three free lock outs per semester. Beginning with the fourth lock out and all subsequent lock outs, the student will be charged a $35 lock out fee to their student account.

Failure to comply with housing administrative processes. Examples of violations include but are not limited to: not completing paperwork and procedures necessary for moving in and out of the housing facility and transferring between facilities or rooms; moving into another bedroom or facility without authorization, failure to attend required meetings scheduled by staff members, or failing to notify staff if dropping below full time student status.

Unauthorized access to or use of areas to which one is not assigned in or about a University housing facility, including but not limited to: basements, boiler rooms, storage areas, mail rooms, IT closets, HVAC closets inside residence hall rooms, closets used by staff members or maintenance/cleaning staff, other residence hall or fraternity and sorority house rooms, and/or unauthorized entrance to residence halls over University breaks.

Excessive alteration to one’s room without authorization. This includes unauthorized painting, construction, or other modifications to a room or common area.

Failure to maintain an acceptable level of self-care or room cleanliness to the extent that such failure interferes with the general comfort, safety, security, health or welfare of a member or members of the community.

Violation of campus fire and safety policies, as defined in the Code of Student Conduct. Behaviors include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Damaging smoke alarms, emergency lighting, exit signs, sprinkler heads and/or inappropriately using pull stations or fire extinguishers. Hanging or obstructions of any fire safety equipment,

B. Possessing or cooking in one’s room with prohibited appliances and electrical items, which includes, but is not limited to portable heaters, deep fryers, immersion coils for heating water, ovens or stoves, , extension cords, multi-plug adaptors, and other materials,

C. Students are not permitted to bring additional refrigerators or microwaves without the approval of the Disability Resource Center. All microwaves and refrigerators must adhere to housing facility policies,

D. Building or bringing bed lofts or bed enclosures into the housing facilities,

E. Possession or use of combustible or explosive materials including, but not limited to, flammable liquids and fireworks,

F. Opening, tampering with, damaging, or removing screens or window limiters, climbing through windows, being on roofs, ledges, or terraces and/or placing objects on these areas,

G. Decorations that could pose a fire hazard or public health hazard, including but not limited to: candles and excessive wall coverings,

H. Furniture blocking any exits from the room,

I. Bicycles and motorized equipment in the building, with the exception of equipment needed by students with disabilities,
J. Misuse of emergency exits and/or propping open doors,
K. Placing, or allowing a guest to place, items in such a way that they block hallways, stairways or egress,
L. Failure to evacuate a building when a fire alarm begins to sound,

32) Any form of unauthorized solicitation or door-to-door distribution of materials, including surveys and questionnaires,
33) The use of University facilities and/or property for commercial sales activities by individual or non-University organizations,
34) Hanging posters or advertisements on walls, doors, or windows in residential floors by anyone other than staff members,
35) Individual or group activities that result in disturbance or distress to others are prohibited, including but not limited to: indoor sports, roughhousing, loud and unnecessary music, or voices and sounds,
36) Failure to follow quiet and courtesy hours policy. Quiet hours begin at 10:00 PM from Sunday through Thursday and 12:00 AM on Friday and Saturday and will last for a period of 12 hours every day. During quiet hours, noise from one’s room or suite should not exceed the hallway door. In addition, if another student asks you to reduce your noise level during quiet hours, you should take reasonable efforts to comply. Designated study rooms should remain quiet at all times. “Courtesy Hours” are in place at all times, which means students are expected to maintain reasonable levels of noise and to comply with requests from others to be quiet. 24-hour quiet hours are in effect for finals week,
37) Maintaining a pet and/or animal, regardless of length of stay, within a residence hall without prior approval of the Disability Resource Center. Exceptions are service animals, service animals in training, or emotional support animals that are registered with the Disability Resource Center or aquarium fish contained in containers not exceeding 10 gallons. The care and supervision of the animal is solely the responsibility of its owner,
38) Failure to receive permission to stay in your housing facility past the day of your last final examination or vacate the hall by designated closing time. Residents are expected to move out of their building on the same day as their last final and vacate the hall for all designated break periods, as required by the housing contract. The housing contract expires at the completion of the student’s last examination of the spring semester,
39) Mail, which is to be placed in residence hall mailboxes, must be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or by the university’s campus mail service. Delivery by any other method, or the delivery of any other materials or illegal items, is not permitted,
40) Failure to abide by any other policy reflected in University Administrative Regulations (AR), University Governing Regulations (GR), the Code of Student Conduct, or the Housing Contract.