

## Community Living Standards

### Alcohol

No person under 21 years of age may possess or consume alcoholic beverages.

Persons 21 years of age or older may only possess open containers, or consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of a residence hall room where at least one occupant is 21 years of age and present at the time the alcohol is being consumed.

No person of any age may manufacture and/or sell alcoholic beverages in the residence halls or adjoining property outside of the residence halls.

No person may provide alcohol to any person who is less than 21 years of age.

Use of common sources of alcohol is prohibited, including but not limited to kegs, party balls and punch bowls.

For specific information on the University of North Carolina's policies regarding alcohol, please see [Student Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Facilities of UNC-CH](#) and [Guidelines for Serving Alcohol at University-Sponsored Events](#).

### Assault/Battery

Physical violence or conduct that threatens the health and safety of one's self or any other person in or around the residence hall community is prohibited.

For more information, see the [Code of Student Conduct](#) and the University of North Carolina's [Emergency Evaluation and Action Committee Policy and Procedures](#).

### Bicycles

Bicycles may only be stored in student rooms or in the designated rack areas provided in close proximity to each residence hall.

*(For information on Motorcycles and Mopeds, please refer to "Motorcycles/Mopeds")*

### Business Enterprises

Personal business enterprises shall not be conducted in or from the university residential facilities, including Internet related business operations.

### Damage/Vandalism

Vandalism is not permitted in or around residence hall areas.

Unintentional damage to residence hall areas should be reported immediately to your RA, the community desk or Community Director.

Damages will be billed to the responsible individual. When the responsible individual(s) cannot be identified, the residents of the entire hall, floor, wing, or suite will be collectively responsible.

## **Decorations**

When decorating exterior room doors or common areas, the Department of Housing and Residential Education requires that residents avoid posting materials that would constitute harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression in violation of the University's Policy on Prohibited Harassment and Discrimination (<http://www.unc.edu/campus/policies/harassanddiscrim.pdf>).

Decorations that may obstruct traffic and may potentially be a fire hazard (e.g. live Christmas trees) are not permitted in rooms, hallways and suite corridors.

Hallway and suite decorations may be placed on resident room doors, bulletin boards, and in spaces approved by your RA and/or Community Director.

Lobby and lounge decorations must be approved through the Granville Towers office.

Decorations may not be placed within two feet of a fire protection system component (i.e. manual pull station, smoke detector, bell/horn/strobe, sprinkler, fire extinguisher, exit sign, emergency lighting, or any egress doorway).

Room and exterior room door decorations and wall hangings may only be hung with non-damaging materials or removable hangers and must not cover more than one third of the total door or wall space.

## **Drugs/Drug Paraphernalia**

The transport, possession, possession with intent to deliver, delivery, manufacture, purchase, sale, distribution, or use of illegal drugs or controlled substances is prohibited.

Prescription drugs may only be taken by patients for the intended use and in the prescribed manner as directed by their physician.

Possession of drug-related paraphernalia is prohibited.

For specific information on the University of North Carolina's policies regarding illegal drugs, please see [Policy on Illegal Drugs](#).

## **Electrical Appliances**

Each individual residence hall room is restricted to a maximum of 1800 watts usage at any time.

No single appliance can exceed 1000 watts or have an exposed heating element.

Halogen and octopus lamps are expressly forbidden in the residence halls.

Only University-owned air-conditioning units may be used in the residence halls. Personal air-conditioning units are prohibited due to electrical circuit limitations and safety concerns.

For examples of items that have been approved and not-approved in previous years, please refer to the following link:

<http://housing.unc.edu/residence-life/your-room/electrical-appliances.html>

If you have questions regarding items not on the list, please contact housing staff.

### **Failure to Comply**

Failure to comply with verbal, written, or published instruction by university staff, when such officials are working within the appropriate performance of their duties, is prohibited. Residents must attend scheduled appointments with housing staff.

Excessive abusive language or other behavior which is threatening and directed toward university staff is prohibited.

Residents and their guests are required to present proper university identification or government-issued identification to university staff in a cooperative manner when requested.

It is a violation to knowingly supply university staff with false or misleading information that is needed for an official purpose, including the misrepresentation of identity or misuse of identification cards.

### **Fire Safety**

Starting a fire; activating a fire alarm without due cause; tampering with smoke/heat detectors, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads; falsely reporting a fire emergency to police or fire department; and the unauthorized use or damage done to any emergency or safety equipment, are all prohibited.

The use of fire equipment for any reason other than its intended purpose (e.g. Sprinklers should not be used to hang clothes) is prohibited.

In the event of a fire alarm or fire drill, all residents must evacuate the building, completely and immediately. Residents must remain outside until instructed by fire department officials or university staff that they may re-enter. Balconies, hallways and stairwells must have a clear passage at all times.

Storage of any item(s) that may pose a fire hazard in a residence hall room is prohibited. Items may include, but are not limited to any open flame source (e.g. celebratory or decorative candles), incense, hookah pipes, live cut trees (e.g. Christmas Trees) or flammable liquids.

Because of the fire hazard they represent, two-prong extension cords, plug adapters, and halogen lamps and bulbs are prohibited. Residents using extension cords must use grounded three-wire extension cords and/or surge protectors. Space heaters are prohibited in residence hall rooms.

Splicing into or altering the electrical wiring in a residence hall is prohibited.

### **Gambling**

Gambling is not permitted in the residence halls.

The sponsoring of raffles or selling raffle tickets is not permitted.

### **Harassment**

Harassment, defined as any physical force, violence, threat, intimidation, stalking, or other behavior that interferes with an individual's personal safety, academic efforts, employment, or participation in university-

sponsored activities, is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to harassment in person, harassment by an accomplice, and harassment by the use of technology.

For specific information on the University of North Carolina's policies regarding discrimination and sexual harassment, please see [Racial Harassment Policy and Procedures](#), [Policy Statements on Non-Discrimination](#), and [Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures](#).

### **Holiday and Break Periods**

During times when residence halls are closed for break periods, entry or attempted entry by residents is prohibited.

Residents are responsible for knowing and complying with break period guidelines set forth by their community.

### **Housekeeping**

Residents are responsible for the cleanliness of their own rooms.

Building residents and their guests are responsible for cleanliness of common areas.

Residents may not leave personal trash or pizza boxes in any public or shared areas (e.g. bathrooms and hallways).

Residents are responsible for removing their trash and/or recycling to designated outdoor trash containers on a regular basis as needed to prevent health and safety concerns.

Residents are not permitted to store items in public or shared areas (e.g. bathrooms and hallways).

### **Illegal Entry/Trespassing**

Unauthorized entry into any Housing and Residential Education property, including restricted access areas of residence halls, is strictly prohibited. These areas include, but are not limited to, any place that is officially closed, restricted only to designated persons (including other residents' rooms), or where the safety and welfare of residents could be endangered. Examples of restricted areas include mechanical rooms, telecom rooms, roofs, closed buildings, housekeeping closets and storage areas.

### **Keys/Locks**

Unauthorized use, possession, or duplication of residence hall keys and/or Flex Passes is strictly prohibited.

Switching and/or borrowing keys and/or Flex Passes with another resident for any reason, including unauthorized room changes, is prohibited. To conduct a proper re-assignment, residents should contact their community director.

Failure to report lost keys or Flex Passes is prohibited.

Residents are allowed 3 grace key checkouts without penalty. Further checkouts will be allowed but require a CD conversation.

Tampering with locks is prohibited.

## **Lofts**

No lofts are permitted.

## **Motorcycles/Mopeds**

Licensed motorcycles, mopeds and motorbikes may only be parked on campus in designated parking areas.

Motorcycles, mopeds or motorbikes may not be parked or stored inside of a residence hall, on walkways, on access ramps, on bike racks, or under the framework of a residence hall.

For more information please see (DPS Policy inserted here).

## **Other Policies**

There are several other guidelines set forth by the Department of Housing and Residential Education. These include but are not limited to content included in our housing contracts, website and verbal or written instructions from staff members. These guidelines are considered part of the Community Living Standards.

Violation of a university policy, the honor code, town ordinance, or state or federal law is prohibited.

## **Pets/Aquariums**

Pets other than fish are prohibited in the residence halls.

Residents are permitted to keep fish in their room providing: (a) the fish tank is freshwater and its size does not exceed 12 U.S. gallons; (b) all residents of the room agree to have a fish tank in the room; and (c) all appropriate precautions are taken to ensure that the electrical connection to the fish tank is safe

This policy does not apply to persons with a disability that require the use of a service animal. If you require the use of a service animal, approval from the [Office of Disability Services](#) must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Residential Education.

## **Posting Policy**

No one, with the exception of community staff or a member of community government, may post or distribute materials in any residential community without authorization/approval from the Residential Education office located in the basement of Avery Hall. Authorization/approval requires a stamp (provided by the Residential Education office) on each item to be distributed. The requestor must provide a hard copy of the posting as well as individual contact and organization information with each request. Materials deemed offensive, harmful to the community, or promoting at-risk behavior will not be approved for posting.

Materials to be posted may also be approved by the Granville Towers Manager or Assistant General Manager for distribution in Granville Towers only.

## **Quiet Hours/Noise**

Quiet Study Hours occur daily between 9:00 pm and 9:00 am. During this time, noise must be kept at levels that will not interfere with the study or sleep of other residents. Quiet Hours is extended to 24 hours during final exams.

Excessive noise is defined as any unreasonable noise that can be heard outside of the residence hall room or space from which it originates and is not allowed at any time.

Placement of sound equipment in windows is prohibited.

### **Recreational Activities**

Any activity that includes throwing an object or running in the halls is not allowed.

Riding a bike, skateboarding, floor hockey or rollerblading and use of outdoor sporting equipment such as balls, Frisbees, golf clubs, bats, squirt guns, lacrosse sticks, etc. are prohibited inside of all residence halls.

### **Residential Computing Policy**

Residents of campus housing who register for Ethernet or wireless connectivity agree to abide by the Information Technology Services (ITS) Acceptable Use Policy.

For specific information on the University of North Carolina's policies regarding campus network use, please see Campus Network and Computing Policies.

Misuse or tampering with an Ethernet or wireless connection is prohibited.

Wireless routers are prohibited.

### **Rights and Responsibilities**

*The Department of Housing and Residential Education recognizes that students living in residential communities have certain rights that are not to be infringed upon by fellow community members at any time. These rights include:*

The right to sleep during the night.

The right to study in rooms, apartments and common areas without being disturbed during hours designated as "quiet hours".

The right to be informed of community events or planned disruptions.

The right to have well-maintained facilities.

The right to access one's living space during all times their building is open.

The right to privacy

The right to redress grievances

*The Department of Housing and Residential Education recognizes that students living in residential communities have certain responsibilities in their relationship to other community members and to their environment. These responsibilities include:*

Avoiding actions which inhibit another community member's ability to sleep and study during quiet hours.

Avoid using the written or spoken word in a way that demeans, defames, offends, slanders or discriminates.

Working with roommates and neighbors to settle disputes and disagreements in a timely and efficient manner. This may include working together on roommate agreements or neighbor agreements.

Seeking help for themselves and/or others when necessary.

Addressing University staff in a timely, respectful and appropriate manner, including both verbal and written responses.

### **Room/Common Area Alterations**

Students are responsible for returning their furniture to the designated positions at the end of the year as set forth by the community office.

Adhesive tape, staples, adhesive holders, brackets, tacks, and nails are not to be used on the walls, woodwork, floors, or ceilings.

Furniture is not to be removed for use in spaces other than its original location.

Removal of residence hall room furniture from the room is prohibited.

Waterbeds are not permitted in the residence halls.

Residents are not allowed to paint any interior or exterior area of any residence hall space.

Additional locks may not be added to doors or other University property or equipment.

Damages that result from making room or common area alterations will be billed to the appropriate residents.

Damaged or missing furniture in public areas may be subject to group damage charges to all residents of the floor or buildings

### **Safety**

Breaking the plane of a window, breezeway or balcony is not allowed by a person or an object.

The throwing, dropping, propelling, pouring or hanging of anything from windows, balconies, ledges, rooftops, and landings is strictly prohibited.

Climbing and repelling on any housing property is prohibited.

Following a building resident into a residence hall that is not your own (“tailgating”) is prohibited.

Propping open exterior doors creates a potential unauthorized entry, promoting an unsafe living environment, and is prohibited.

Pranking that causes harm or the potential for harm is prohibited.

Precautionary steps should be taken while cooking including turning on vents (where applicable), opening windows, and closely monitoring cooking food.

## **Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct**

Sexual assault and sexual misconduct are prohibited.

Sexual assault, in its various forms, is defined under the University of North Carolina's [Sexual Assault Response Plan](#).

## **Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited in residence halls and on all residence hall property within 100 feet of the facility.

For the UNC Smoking policy, go to [The UNC No Smoking Policy](#).

## **Solicitation**

Only recognized student groups are permitted to canvass, sell, solicit or promote the sale of goods or services in the residence halls. Recognized student groups must meet the University's [Facilities Use Policy](#) and receive the prior written approval of the Director of Housing and Residential Education.

Campaigning for campus student leadership positions must meet regulations set forth by the [Elections Board of Student Government](#).

## **Theft and Possession of Stolen Goods**

Theft of any kind or the possession of stolen property is prohibited.

Theft or unauthorized possession of university owned furniture or property is prohibited.

## **Visitation Policy**

*The Visitation/Guest Policy is a shared responsibility between the residents of a community and community staff. Students are encouraged to notify their RA or Community Director of potential violations of this policy in a timely manner.*

The Department of Housing and Residential Education has two defined levels of visitation:

### **Standard Visitation**

Guests permitted anytime with roommate consent.

### **Limited Visitation**

Guests permitted with roommate consent Sunday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00am; Friday and Saturday 9:00am-2:00am in Aycock, Graham, Kenan, Mangum, Manly, Parker, and Stacy.

The host is responsible for their guest and the actions of their guest.

A resident must have a key or Flex Pass to gain access to their building.

Guests must call their resident host from outside the building in order to gain entry.

The resident host must escort their guest in the residence halls/apartments at all times.

The roommate's rights to privacy, sleep and study take precedence over the rights of a host to have a guest. The host must have approval from their roommate(s) to have a guest.

A guest's stay is limited to no more than 72 consecutive hours.

Habitation of a room by anyone other than an individual assigned to that room is prohibited.

Guests may use only appropriately designated restrooms.

A guest may only stay or sleep in their host's room.

Gatherings with more than three times the designed occupancy in a residence hall room and/or apartment is prohibited.

During special events such as Halloween, visitors may be required to be registered with Granville Towers.

### **Weapons/Explosives**

Possession, storage, manufacture, use, sale, or distribution of firearms, fireworks, explosive material, ammunition, BB and pellet guns, paint guns, knives, martial arts weapons, and all other dangerous weapons are prohibited. Any item that intentionally resembles an actual weapon is not allowed.

For specific information on the University of North Carolina's policies regarding weapons, please see [Firearms and Other Weapons](#).

### **Window Damages**

Tampering with or removing any window screens, latches, stops, or apparatus in either resident rooms or public areas is prohibited.