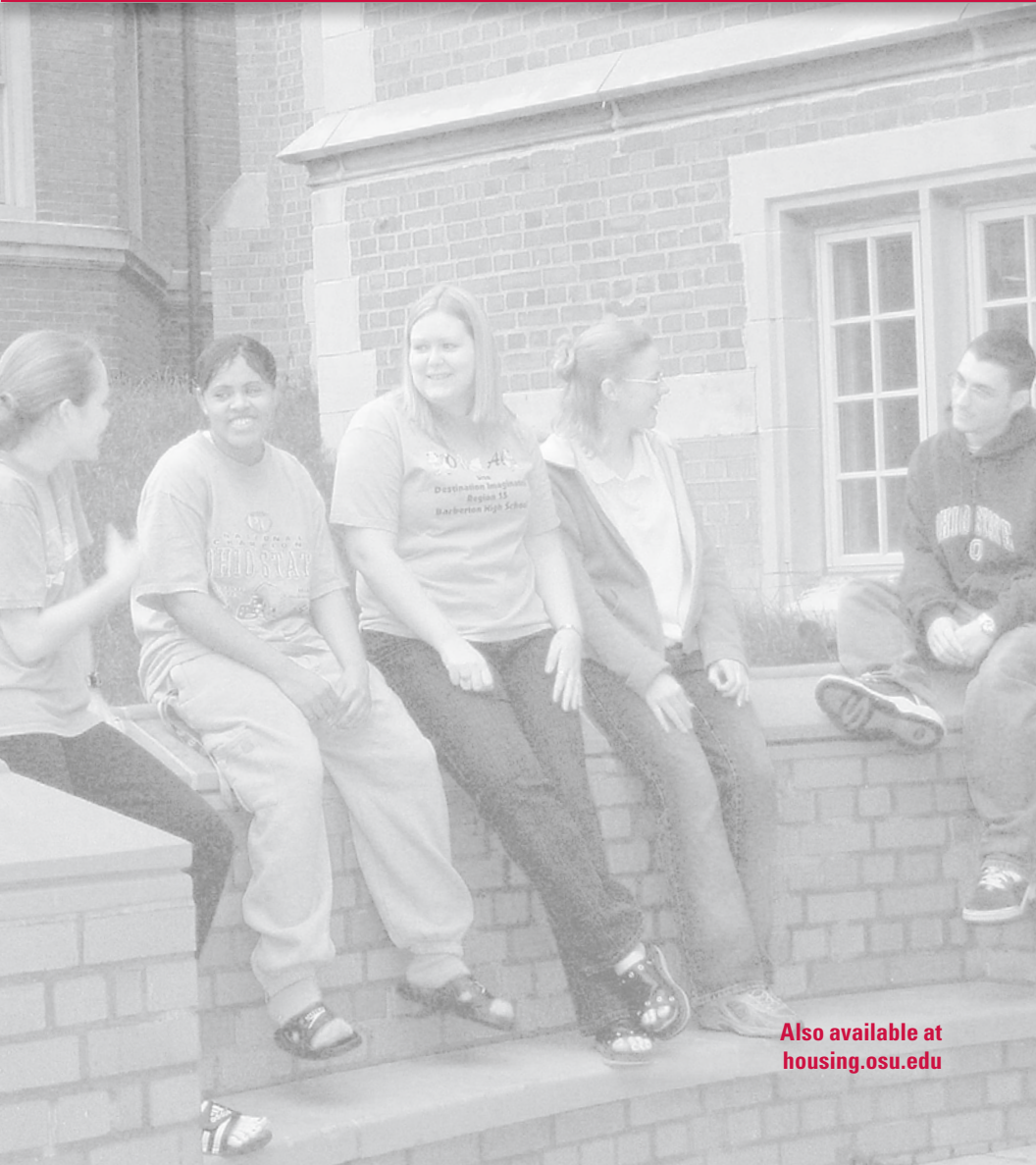


The Ohio State University

# Residence Hall Handbook

Community Standards of Conduct 2007–2008

*Mansfield Molyet Village Apartments*



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We want you to look back on your time at Molyet Village with memories of success—good friends, good times, and good grades. Ohio State and University Housing have established guidelines to help students live together successfully. These rules and policies include Community Standards of Conduct, published here; Terms and Conditions, published in its entirety in the Residence Halls Contract; and the Code of Student Conduct, available at [studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource\\_csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp), which applies to the conduct of all registered students and registered student organizations.

## **How the Community Standards of Conduct Are Applied**

University Housing staff members, as well as the various governing bodies within the university, rely on Community Standards of Conduct as a guide to help define acceptable behavior on issues related to university and resident property or resident behavior. Residents who violate policies may be held accountable for their behavior. Once an alleged violation of policy is reported, the student(s) alleged to be involved are asked to meet with the housing coordinator to discuss the violation. During this meeting, the administrator may determine whether an individual intervention, community intervention, or judicial hearing is warranted.

Housing officials may refer cases involving possible suspension or dismissal to the Office of Student Affairs. For more information regarding the Code of Student Conduct, go to [studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource\\_csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp).

## **Residents' Rights**

As members of the residential community, you have the right to expect the following:

- The ability to sleep, read, and study free from undue interference, unreasonable noise, and other distractions.
- Personal privacy within the limits of Molyet Village.
- A clean living environment.
- Freedom from harassment, including sexual harassment, as well as threats of intimidation and physical or emotional harm. This includes acts of ethnic or racial intimidation, hazing, or harassment for reasons of race, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.
- Assistance and support from the housing staff.

## **Residents' Responsibilities**

As members of the residential community, you have the responsibility to:

- Help maintain an environment conducive to academic pursuit.
- Treat fellow residents and housing staff with respect, consideration, and cooperation.
- Accord every resident personal dignity and report incidents of racial or other discrimination or harassment to housing staff.
- Understand and comply with all university and housing policies and regulations.
- Resolve personal and community issues in a calm and diplomatic manner.
- Take action by addressing any situation with a housing staff member or a fellow resident (if you feel comfortable) when it interferes with your rights or the rights of others.
- Exercise an individual commitment to personal and community security.

## **Move-In and Move-Out**

- The resident can move his/her belongings into his/her assigned apartment on move-in day.
- At the end of spring quarter, the resident should vacate Molyet Village within 24 hours after his/her last exam. If the resident cannot vacate the residence hall, he/she must obtain prior permission from the housing coordinator to remain later.
- Graduating seniors are permitted to stay in the complex until graduation day.

## **1. Damages and Liability**

### **1.1 University Liability**

- (a) The university acknowledges, and the resident is hereby made aware, that criminal activity, personal injury, and theft occur, and the risk exists for such future occurrences on university premises, specifically within and around residence facilities. Therefore, the resident agrees to assume responsibility for his/her own personal safety and security, as well as for his/her own personal belongings.
- (b) The university does not assume responsibility for any resident's, guest's, or other person's loss of money or valuables, or for the loss of or damage to property due to natural and unnatural causes (i.e., flooding, fire, etc.)

or injuries, personal or otherwise, sustained on or about the residence and dining halls premises. As stated in the Housing Contract, the university encourages students to contact local insurance carriers concerning the availability of protection against such losses.

- (c) Residents must pay charges for damages levied against them by University Housing or face university disciplinary action.

## 1.2 Resident Liability

- (a) Upon arrival, all residents of a room or apartment must complete a Room Condition Report. The report is completed in collaboration with a housing staff member, and it documents the condition of items in the room or apartment. University property that is noted as damaged and that requires repair or replacement must be listed on the report.
- (b) The student or staff member in order to initiate repair or replace damaged objects must complete service requests. Service requests may be submitted online at [housing.osu.edu/services](http://housing.osu.edu/services).
- (c) Maintenance and housekeeping staff members repair, replace, or adjust university equipment or property. Residents are not permitted to do so.
- (d) All residents of a room or apartment are held mutually liable for damages to the room or apartment once occupancy is established.
- (e) An individual resident of a room or apartment is solely liable for damages to the room or apartment when individual responsibility for the damages can be clearly established.
- (f) Rooms and apartments must be in the same condition upon resident departure as recorded in the Room Condition Report.
- (g) Residents are responsible for locking their room or apartment doors. Residents can be held accountable for loss of personal belongings or university property if their room or apartment doors are not properly secured. Properly secured means the door is closed and locked.
- (h) Residents are held liable for damages to public and semipublic areas of the apartment complex and grounds when individual or group responsibility for the damages can be clearly established.
- (i) When individual or group responsibility for repeated or excessive damages to public areas of the apartments cannot be established, all residents of the apartment are held financially liable for those damages. This policy is in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Residence Halls Contract.
- (j) Residents who observe vandalism within Molyet Village and who do not report the vandalism to a housing staff member may also be found financially or judicially liable for the damages.

## 2. University Services, Property, Appliances, and Equipment

University services, property, appliances, and equipment are available to residents for their use while living on campus.

### 2.1 Keys

University room and apartment keys are issued to the assigned occupants of a room or apartment. Residents may not lend their keys to anyone. Lost or missing keys must be reported as soon as possible to housing staff. When keys are reported missing, a new key will be issued. Residents are financially responsible for the cost of replacement keys. (See section 23B of the Terms and Conditions of the Residence Halls Contract.)

- (a) It is a violation of state statutes and university regulations to duplicate keys to any apartment bedroom or exterior door.
- (b) Residents who accidentally lock themselves out of their rooms or apartments may borrow keys for a limited time by presenting their university identification at the housing office.

### 2.2 University-Provided Room Furnishings and Appliances

- (a) Room, apartment, or patio furnishings provided by the university may be arranged in any reasonable manner that does not endanger resident safety, with the exception that any furnishing bolted to a wall or floor must remain in its original position. This includes closet and bedroom doors.
- (b) Room or apartment furnishings provided by the university may not be transferred or interchanged among rooms, apartments, or public areas. Residents may be billed for missing furniture upon checkout from the room or apartment.
- (c) All university-provided appliances (refrigerators, dishwashers, ovens, microwaves, washers, and dryers) must be cleaned and in the same working condition upon departure as they were upon arrival.

### 2.3 Telephones

A telephone jack is provided in the kitchen and living room. It is the property of the university. Residents are financially responsible for vandalism, including damages to the telephone jack. The following are prohibited:

- (a) Acceptance of collect calls placed to a residence hall room or apartment telephone.
- (b) Charging calls to any university telephone or account without proper authorization.

- (c) Placing harassing or repeatedly unwanted phone calls.
- (d) Leaving telephones off the hook or rewiring or attaching unauthorized wires or devices to the telephone.
- (e) Tampering with or maliciously damaging any public telephone.

#### 2.4 Vending, Laundry, and Other Amenities

Molyet Village is equipped with washers, dryers, and other amenities that are available for the exclusive convenience of residents. Please report inoperable machines or appliances to housing staff.

- (a) Tampering with or maliciously damaging any machine or appliance is prohibited.

#### 2.5 Windows

For reasons of safety and design, stops or seals on window screens may not be loosened or removed. Residents will be assessed for the cost of window screens, blinds stops, or seals that they damage or otherwise cause to be replaced. Nothing may be hung or thrown from a window.

- (a) Residents may not use windows to gain access or to exit their apartments except in emergency situations.

#### 2.6 Theft

Theft, or unauthorized possession of university services, property, appliances, equipment, or personal possessions is a serious offense, one that will be investigated and punished to the full extent of university policy and federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

- (a) Theft of university services includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized use of university long distance service, computer Internet or cable television access, and BuckID accounts or services.
- (b) Residents may not use another's personal property without prior authorization, including, but not limited to, another's access to long distance or computer Internet services or BuckID account.

### 3. Personal Property, Appliances, and Equipment

Residents may bring some personal property, appliances, and equipment to campus for use in their rooms or apartments provided that such property, appliances, and equipment do not endanger resident safety, restrict reasonable freedom of movement within shared living space, and do not violate the policy guidelines outlined below. These policy guidelines were developed with consideration for resident needs and safety, as well as with consideration for the structural design of residence hall facilities.

### 3.1 Appliances

Residents may use some personal appliances within their rooms or apartments, provided the appliances and their power cords carry Underwriters' Laboratory approval and are in good condition. Power cords and appliances must be in good working order for the safety of all residents and facilities.

- (a) Residents may use the following appliances in their rooms or apartments: clocks, radios, stereos, televisions, fans, typewriters, personal computers, mini-fridges, lamps, and the university-provided appliances.
- (b) Residents, exercising reasonable caution, may use the following appliances in their rooms or apartments: coffee makers, hot air popcorn poppers, irons, and hair appliances.
  - If the appliance has a heating element, the element must be enclosed.
  - Appliances are to be used on a noncombustible surface (special pads can be purchased from local department stores) and never on bedding, upholstery, or wood surfaces.
- (c) Appliances should be attended while in use and unplugged when not in use.
- (d) Residents\* may not use the following appliances in the apartment complex: electric or gas grills, electric blankets, heating pads, space heaters, sun lamps, air conditioners, or any popcorn popper other than a hot air popcorn popper.
- (e) An extension outlet bar equipped with a circuit breaker is the recommended extension device. Cords should never be placed across aisles, wrapped around metal fixtures or furniture, run through doorways, or under carpet or bedding.
- (f) Residents may not use any extension cord on a permanent basis.
- (g) Octopus plugs or other multiple plugs are prohibited.

*\*Students should consult with their housing coordinator for clarification of exceptions.*

### 3.2 Technology Usage

The Ohio State University, through University Housing, provides network connection services in student rooms, apartments, and other university-owned housing facilities.

- (a) Use of this service is a privilege, and it is the responsibility of each user to utilize these services appropriately. By connecting a host/computer to ResNet, users are bound to and required to adhere to all aspects of The Ohio State University Policy on Responsible Use of University Computing Resources, found at <http://www.oit.ohio-state.edu/infopages/respethical.html> [**BAD**], as well as any and all university, city, county, state, and federal regulations.
- (b) In addition, users of ResNet at Ohio State are required to adhere to the following terms of acceptable use. Any actions that are deemed a violation of these policies may result in a termination of services, and/or monetary fine, and/or judicial or criminal sanctions.

- (c) Residents will refrain from abuse and excessive use of the finite resources and hosts connected to ResNet and the Ohio State network. Users will also refrain from abuse and excessive uses of hosts and services outside of ResNet and Ohio State.
- (d) As the intent of ResNet is to provide residents with access to outside services, users will not attempt to run any unauthorized services.
- (e) Residents will not attempt to circumvent the ResNet firewall or any other established network services.
- (f) Residents will not modify or tamper with any ResNet network wiring, hardware, or jacks.
- (g) Residents are responsible for all network traffic originating from their host.
- (h) Residents may not take or distribute video or still images of someone without his/her permission.
- (i) Residents may not bring or install satellite dishes in or on the residence hall property.

### 3.3 Bicycles

Bicycles that residents bring to campus may be stored outdoors in one of the bicycle racks provided. Bicycles may not be stored in resident rooms or apartments.

### 3.4 Room Furnishings

Residents may add limited personal furnishings to their rooms or apartments, provided that the furnishings neither restrict reasonable freedom of movement within shared living space nor endanger resident safety.

- (a) A resident may not install a loft in his/her room.
- (b) Residents may carpet their rooms or apartments if they are not already carpeted.
  - Carpet may not have foam backing, and carpet padding is not permitted.
  - Residents may not modify university property to accommodate carpet. They may not use double-sided or other tape, glue, adhesive, or nails in carpet installation.
  - Residents who install carpet must remove it before checkout and haul it away from campus. Residence hall staff members may have information about local agencies that will haul carpet away.
  - Residents are assessed for damages caused by carpet or lofts and for any special housekeeping services made necessary by installation or removal.
- (c) Waterbeds, pools of water, and water chairs are not permitted in rooms or apartments or on patios, balconies, or apartment grounds.
- (d) In personalizing rooms or apartments, residents may not rewire them or otherwise modify electrical outlets, switches, fixtures, or wall coverings.

- (e) Installing ceiling-mounted lights, dimmers, or fans is prohibited.
- (f) Residents may not move university furniture from public areas to their rooms or apartments.
- (g) Residents may not remove university furniture from their rooms or apartments.

### 3.5 Pets

- (a) Residents may keep goldfish or tropical fish, but other types of pets and animals are not permitted in student rooms or apartments at any time. Due to the ventilation patterns in the building, when one resident has a pet, many other residents share the impact. (This includes temporary pet-sitting.)
  - Remember to plan for your fish over break periods. Aquariums must be unplugged before you leave. The temperature of the water will fluctuate, thus putting your fish at risk.
  - Aquariums must be 20-gallon capacity or less.

### 3.6 Weight Lifting Equipment

Free weights or other weight lifting equipment under 10 pounds may be used in resident rooms or apartments. Other equipment can create safety, space, and facility concerns and is prohibited.

### 3.7 Trash

Residents must properly dispose of all room or apartment trash in university-provided dumpsters located outside the apartments. Trash may not be left on porches, balconies, or patios or in stairwells. Residents found to be improperly disposing of trash may be charged for its cleanup and removal.

- (a) Excessive trash kept within apartments may lead to removal and cleanup charges.

## 4. Resident Privacy and Behavior

### 4.1 Access

The university respects residents' rights to privacy, and every effort is made to ensure privacy in university housing. Nevertheless, a designated university official has the right to enter any part of the university premises with or without notice to perform reasonable custodial, maintenance, and repair services, to recover university property, to inspect for damages or cleanliness, or in case of emergency. In university housing, reasonable effort will be made to give 24-hour notice before the service or inspection is performed. Please note that routine work and inspections occur during quarter breaks.

- (a) A designated university official may enter and search university premises if there is reason to believe that the premises are being used for an illegal purpose or a purpose that violates health or safety regulations or interferes with normal university operation.
  - Evidence found in such a search might be confiscated and used in disciplinary proceedings.
  - In university housing, the designated university official shall be a housing coordinator. When a housing coordinator enters and searches university housing as provided for under this paragraph, reasonable efforts must be made to have present a resident of the room or apartment being searched. (See the Code of Student Conduct.)
- (b) Law officials may enter, search, and seize evidence in accordance with applicable law.

#### 4.2 Alcohol

The legal drinking age in Ohio is 21. The university and University Housing comply fully with all federal, state, and municipal regulations regarding the sale, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

- (a) Residents and their guests may not possess or consume alcohol in a manner inconsistent with either the policies of the university or those of University Housing, or in violation of the Ohio Revised Code. Those found in violation must immediately dispose of the alcohol when requested to do so by residence hall staff or other university officials.
- (b) Residents 21 years of age may possess and consume legal beverages in private rooms or apartments when such possession and consumption is consistent with the Ohio Revised Code and the University Code of Student Conduct.
- (c) To avoid unnecessary conflicts or misunderstanding regarding the presence of alcohol in rooms, containers that were originally used to hold alcoholic beverages are not permitted in student rooms. For example, cans, bottles, cartons, kegs, beer bong, and beer pong tables may not be used as decorative items.
- (d) Individuals who bring alcoholic beverages into the complex must produce a driver's license or state identification card upon request as proof of eligibility to consume or possess alcohol. A university identification card is not acceptable for this purpose.
- (e) Students are not permitted to be in possession of any false identification, or any identification card that does not belong to them.
- (f) Supplying alcohol to an underage person is prohibited.
- (g) Open containers of alcohol and the consumption of alcohol in public areas such as porches, balconies, patios, stairwells, and parking lots are prohibited.
- (h) Alcohol is prohibited at undergraduate group events within residence hall facilities.

- (i) Residents and their guests may not bring in or store beer balls or kegs or similar containers that hold large amounts of alcohol in the residence halls or in their rooms/apartments.
- (j) The misuse (underage drinking, drinking in unauthorized areas, etc.) and the abuse of alcohol (drinking to an extent such that one's behavior and judgment are impaired or results in disruption of others) are prohibited, regardless of where the alcohol was consumed. The effects of alcohol misuse and abuse include excessive noise, interpersonal conflict, and vandalism. The individual who misuses or abuses alcohol not only negatively affects the community but also endangers the individual resident.

#### 4.3 Drugs

The university and University Housing comply fully with all federal, state, and municipal regulations.

- (a) The use, production, manufacture, sale, distribution, and/or possession of drugs or controlled substances in violation of federal, state, or municipal laws is prohibited by the university and is not permitted in the residence halls.
- (b) Residents are responsible for reporting the use, production, manufacture, sale, distribution, and/or possession of illegal substances within any area of the residence halls to residence hall staff.
- (c) In addition, the misuse of substances that present physical or psychological hazards to individuals is prohibited—including prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications.

#### 4.4 Gambling

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code (<http://onlinedocs.andersonpublishing.com/oh/lpExt.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&cp=PORC>) [BAD], gambling in any form is not permitted within Molyet Village or on university premises. Such activities include, but are not limited to, football parlays, card games involving money, lotteries, and raffles in which a ticket must be purchased.

#### 4.5 Noise

Residents must understand and abide by quiet and courtesy hours.

- (a) Quiet hours are times when noise from stereos, televisions, computers, and conversations must not be clearly audible in private rooms from areas such as hallways, adjoining rooms, or through open windows.
  - Quiet hours begin at 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday nights and at 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights. Quiet hours extend until 7 a.m. daily.
  - Residents may select a more restrictive quiet hours pattern within the times listed above. To select more restrictive quiet hours for a residence hall, residents participate in a community voting process initiated by the hall's government. At least 51% of all residents must vote for the change to be effective.

- (b) Courtesy hours are all other times. During courtesy hours, residents are expected to keep from unduly interfering with anyone else's ability to sleep, read, or study. Students who are asked to be quiet during courtesy hours are expected to do so.
- (c) The use of equipment—such as stereos, radios, amplifiers, video game players, or musical instruments—in a manner that violates a standard of quiet conducive to study or sleep is not permitted. Housing staff may temporarily store such equipment until appropriate action can be taken.
- (d) Stereo equipment or stereo speakers may not be placed facing out of an open window.
- (e) Yelling between buildings or creating noise on sidewalks or in the parking lots is prohibited.

#### 4.6 Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products

- (a) Smoking is not permitted in Molyet Village apartments. This includes, but is not limited to, the following: student rooms, hallways, doorways, reception areas, lobbies, lounges, restrooms, stairwells, loading docks, trash rooms, or computer areas.
- (b) Residents are permitted to smoke outside in public areas, including patios, that do not inconvenience or disturb other residents. University policy requires that smoking occurs at least 25 feet from a building.

## 5. Guests and Visitation

With appropriate consideration for safety and security issues, and consistent with the following visitation guidelines, residents may welcome guests into their rooms or apartments. In doing so, however, residents assume full responsibility for their guests. Residents must observe host and guest guidelines established for their own residence or living area. Residents must also advise guests of these guidelines. The following definitions apply to University Housing policies, including host and escort guidelines:

*Resident:* an Ohio State student who has a housing agreement with residence halls and who is assigned to a specific room or apartment within a residence hall.

*Host:* a resident who is entertaining guests.

*Guest:* any individual, including a parent, relative, faculty, or staff member, who is visiting a resident in his/her room or apartment. This definition also extends to any university student who is living in another residence hall or who may be assigned to another room or apartment within the same hall.

*Public areas:* designated areas outside student rooms or apartments, such as the main lobby, main study spaces, and building or complex recreation rooms, in which residents may entertain guests.

*Living areas:* student rooms or apartments, and the hallways, private lounges, and study spaces that surround them.

### 5.1 Guest Behavior

- (a) All guests must have a resident host and be accompanied by the resident host at all times. The host must inform his/her guest(s) of applicable university and housing policies. Residents may be held accountable for their guests' conduct.
- (b) Guests must not infringe on the rights of roommates or other residents.
- (c) All guests must have resident escorts.
- (d) Guests may not use a resident's key or ID for any reason. A resident may be held responsible for knowingly permitting a guest to use his/her ID and for any consequences arising from such use.
- (e) Guests are required to present some form of identification when requested by housing staff.

### 5.2 Guest Safety and Security

Hosts are responsible for their guests' behavior, and guests must behave in a manner consistent with Community Standards of Conduct, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Hosts are responsible for ensuring that guests are aware of fire evacuation and safety procedures in the event of emergency.
- (b) Hosts must adhere to all specified host, escort, and guest registration guidelines for their residence halls. Failure to comply with any of these guidelines may result in revocation of a guest's access to residence hall buildings, and/or disciplinary action.

### 5.3 Overnight Guests

With the consent of all roommates, and consistent with the following overnight and visitation policies, residents may welcome occasional overnight guests in their rooms or apartments.

- (a) Guests may stay overnight only three consecutive nights in any given week without prior authorization from the housing coordinator (or designee).
- (b) Guests may occupy housing beds only with the consent of the people to whom those beds are assigned.
- (c) Guests may not sleep in lounges or on lounge furnishings.

### 5.4 Visitation Guidelines

All residents may declare their room off limits for visitation during certain days or hours by using the roommate agreement process. At all other times, with the consent of all roommates and consistent with the visitation pattern for the residence hall, residents may invite guests into their rooms or apartments. The visitation patterns are defined as follows:

- (a) *Flexible guest hours*: guest hours negotiated by roommates for their own rooms/apartments.

- (b) *Limited guest hours*: guest hours negotiated by roommates for their own rooms/apartments, except no guest hours between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- (c) *Restricted guest hours*: guest hours negotiated by roommates for their own rooms/apartments, except no guest hours between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, and no guest of the opposite sex permitted between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. daily.

## 6. Sales and Solicitation

To protect resident privacy and to insure adherence to university policies, canvassing or solicitation of funds, sales, memberships, subscriptions, or distribution of literature is prohibited unless permission is first granted in writing by University Housing, 190 W. Woodruff Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. University and residence hall groups are responsible for obtaining appropriate permission for any canvassing, sales, or solicitation activities they wish to initiate in the residence halls or dining commons. This includes:

- (a) Approval to distribute election information, pamphlets, or literature, and permission to set up tables and chairs in common areas or to use these areas for any other reason.
- (b) Residents may post announcements and other publicity in approved posting areas with the prior permission of the housing coordinator or coordinator's designee.
- (c) All residence hall student publications (for example, complex council newsletters) may be distributed only within the respective complex.
- (d) Signs may not be posted on apartment exterior doors, walls, or in any other unauthorized areas.
- (e) 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 is not permitted without the written permission of University Housing.
- (f) An individual or group may not act as a vendor or sales agent or set up or operate a business enterprise of any kind in university residence halls or dining commons, except as authorized in writing by University Housing.
- (g) Telephone solicitation is prohibited.
- (h) All door-to-door sales or solicitations are prohibited.
- (i) Food delivered to apartments must first be ordered by a resident.
- (j) Individuals or groups who wish to distribute questionnaires, or undertake other research projects involving residents or staff, must contact University Housing, 190 W. Woodruff Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210, for written permission. Authorization requires a written proposal submitted at least two weeks before the project begins.

## 7. Safety

### 7.1 911 Emergency Telephone Network

Dialing 911 in a non-emergency situation is prohibited by the university and by law. Staff can be contacted in non-emergency situations by calling University Housing. Use 911 when immediate assistance is required for medical emergencies and to report all fires.

### 7.2 Firearms and Weapons

- (a) Possession and/or use of any type of firearm or other weapon is not permitted in or around Molyet Village. This includes, but is not limited to, guns, bows and arrows, darts, fireworks, knives, paint guns, BB guns, pellet guns, and martial arts implements. This prohibition includes all persons who may possess a concealed firearms permit.
- (b) The use and/or possession of fireworks, including smoke bombs or explosive devices of any type, is not permitted in or around the complex and is prohibited by the Ohio Revised Code.
- (c) Residents must report the unlawful possession, use, or storage of firearms, weapons, or explosives to housing staff.

### 7.3 Fire Prevention

Each residence hall has specific regulations concerning fire prevention and safety that are mandated by the Ohio Fire Code. Violations of these regulations are violations of state law and are prohibited.

- (a) Setting fires inside or outside the complex buildings is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code. This includes, but is not limited to, igniting bulletin boards, wall coverings, trash containers, and door decorations. The police will be involved in investigating all fire incidents.
- (b) Pulling a fire alarm or falsely reporting an emergency to the police or fire department is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code.
  - Residents of a room or apartment may be charged for unnecessary fire safety visits when it is determined that the smoke detector in an individual room was intentionally or negligently activated.
  - The unauthorized use, tampering, or damage to emergency or safety equipment, including, but not limited to, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, building fire hose connections, and sprinkler systems is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code.
- (c) Obstructing or disobeying emergency evacuation procedures or drills is prohibited and is punishable under the Ohio Fire Code.
- (d) The Ohio Fire Code prohibits the use of gas or charcoal grills on patios and balconies of all multi-unit resident complexes.

#### 7.4 Identification

Resident identity is established by the university photo identification card with an appropriate residence hall validation label attached. For safety reasons, residents must identify themselves and produce a university identification card when it is requested by housing staff or by other university officials. University identification cards may not be borrowed or loaned.

#### 7.5 Personal Safety

Behavior that endangers personal safety within the apartment complex is not permitted.

- (a) Objects such as, but not limited to, firecrackers, Frisbees, balls, water hoses, and containers of water are not to be discharged or thrown in the hallways, in student rooms, the courtyard, in public areas, or from windows. Water or shaving cream fights, as well as any sports or similar behavior that endangers resident safety or university property, is not permitted in Molyet Village or in the areas around or between the complex's buildings.
- (b) Paper, fishnets, parachutes, flags, tapestries, or other combustible items must not be hung from or attached to room ceilings; they constitute a fire hazard.
- (c) Using items such as candles and incense, which, by nature of their use, may be left unattended, pose a fire hazard and therefore are not permitted in the complex.
- (d) Collecting and storing paper for recycling is prohibited in the complex, unless it is in accordance with the university's recycling program.
- (e) Residents are not allowed in unauthorized areas within Molyet Village. Such areas include, but are not limited to, any place that is officially closed, any place restricted only to designated persons, or any place where the safety and welfare of the residents could be endangered.





