

## Fire Safety Policies Continued

**Non-Approved Appliances:** Devices with open heating elements or that can produce enough heat to start a fire if used improperly, including but not limited to:

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| <b>George Foreman grills or similar cooking appliances.</b>                      |
| Toasters, portable or toaster ovens, smokeless indoor grills, etc.               |
| Hotplates, electric skillets, crock pots, etc.                                   |
| Combination microwaves with broiling elements                                    |
| Submersion coil water heaters  |
| BBQ grills or open flame devices (charcoal, gas or other fuel)                   |
| Personal lighting that has an <b>upward facing</b> lamp                          |
| Personal lighting that has movable octopus arms so that lamp can be faced upward |
| Non-UL safety approved electric powered appliances                               |
| All portable heating devices (space heaters of any type)                         |

**Non-Approved Items:** Items that can produce enough heat to start a fire if used improperly, or sources of fuel in case of fire, including but not limited to:

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| <b>Candles, lantern, lamps or any other item that produces an open flame</b>  |
| Tobacco, incense or any other item that burns or smolders when used; This includes hover boards and self-balancing scooters |
| All flammable materials (gas, lighter fluid, charcoal, propane, solvents, etc.)   |
| All items powered by combustible fuels (such as motorcycles)  |
| All fireworks, explosives, etc.   |
| All corrosive (or poisonous) chemicals and hazardous materials.   |
| All lightweight extension cords or multi plug outlet adapters   |
| Heavy weight power strips or extension cords without safety circuit breakers; flexible (twisty) power strips.               |
| Multiple approved power strips connected together (“chaining”)  |
| All cords extended through walls, ceilings, under floor coverings, across corridors, etc                                    |
| Curtains/drapes   |
| Anything covering ceilings (tapestries, flags, posters, or other combustible materials)                                     |
| All decorations covering more than 20% of walls (tapestries, banners, posters, or other combustible materials)              |
| Crepe paper, plastic or Mylar decorations, ribbons, streamers, etc.   |
| Combustible materials as door decorations covering more than 20% of doors total   |
| Runners, door mats, or other combustible floor coverings in hallways/suite corridors  |
| All standard and “rope type” decorative string lighting (Christmas, chili pepper, etc. )                                    |

Questions? Contact the  
Hill Court Area Office

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# Hill Court Residence Halls Housing Policies

Office for Residential Life & Housing Services



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Additional information about policies and procedures can be found in  
UR Here, The Student Handbook, your housing contract, or visit:

[www.rochester.edu/reslife/](http://www.rochester.edu/reslife/)

## Alcohol and Drugs

The legal drinking age in New York State is 21 years of age. Residents of legal drinking age may consume alcohol in the privacy of their room and/or in their suite unless they are with students who are not of age.

- ◆ Underage drinking is a violation of State law and University policy. Residents who violate the law and the policy will be subject to disciplinary action.
- ◆ Funnels, beer-pong (Beirut) tables, other drinking game paraphernalia, kegs, mini-kegs, beer balls, boxed wine, and other multi-serving containers are also PROHIBITED.
- ◆ Hosts are responsible for the behavior of their guests at all times. Please consult the Alcohol Policy for these standards.
- ◆ All illegal substances (including any drugs not prescribed to you and all drug paraphernalia) are PROHIBITED.

## Balconies

Balconies are both a privilege and responsibility:

- ◆ NY State Fire Safety Law states: **smoking of any kind and the use of grills is PROHIBITED on balconies.**
- ◆ Do NOT leave University furniture on the balconies. Furniture left on the balconies, and damaged by weather, will be replaced and the members of the suite will split the cost of the replacement.
- ◆ Bikes are not allowed to be stored on balconies as they could inhibit egress during a fire.
- ◆ **Throwing garbage, bottles, personal items, or furniture from the balconies will not be tolerated.** All suites on the side of the building where garbage has been thrown will be subject to billing for the maintenance of the area by the Grounds crew.

## Barbecues

Charcoal grills are permitted but MUST be used **outside the halls and 30 ft. / 10 meters** away from the buildings. Feel free to use the BBQ grill in front of Gale, or to set up a charcoal grill away from the building. Coals should be emptied into exterior (metal) trash containers. Call Facilities for charcoal removal. **Please store all flammable material off campus or buy and use immediately.** The owner of the grill may be subject to disciplinary action if not in compliance with UR policies.

## Fire Equipment

Every room/suite/apartment has a smoke detector and sprinklers, and every floor is equipped with a pull station. Tampering with any of this equipment endangers all residents. **Do not cover the smoke detectors/sprinklers, hang things from them, or in any way hinder the units from operating properly.** There must be adequate space between fire safety equipment and personal items (Ex: Do not stack boxes under sprinkler heads). Penalties for tampering with equipment or for pulling a false alarm may include **REMOVAL FROM HOUSING and/or CRIMINAL CHARGES.** This includes failure to evacuate the building during an alarm.

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**Candles, incense, propane, charcoal, lighter fluid, fireworks, or any open-coil and open-flame devices are not allowed in our halls as determined by the New York State Fire Marshal.** Additional items prohibited by the NY State Fire Marshal are listed on next page. In addition, placing tape over door locks is strictly prohibited. **Violations of this kind may lead to REMOVAL FROM HOUSING**

## Keys

Lost keys will result in a lock change. Charges are \$50 for a room key and/or \$75 for a suite key. After the last day of class, there will be an additional \$25 fee.

## Pets (Fish ONLY)

The only pets allowed are fish in a small aquarium (no larger than a 5 gallon tank). Dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, insects, spiders, and snakes are strictly prohibited in student housing. Consequences for breaking this policy could include **REMOVAL FROM HOUSING.**

## Quiet and Courtesy Hours

Quiet hours are in effect Sunday - Thursday 12am to 8am and Friday - Saturday 2am to 10am. Courtesy hours are 24 hrs a day. A resident's right to study or sleep takes precedence over another's right to make noise.

## Roofs

Residents are prohibited from being on the roof of any building.

## Smoking

All UR undergraduate housing is smoke-free. You may NOT smoke in your room, suite, bathroom, or balcony. If you choose to smoke outside you must be 30-feet from the entrance of any building.

## Social Gatherings

Parties are NOT PERMITTED in the residence halls. Parties are determined by behavior, atmosphere, and room occupancy. While we encourage our residents to be social, they should do so without breaking any University, State, or Local laws (including, but not limited to, underage drinking, drinking games, and/or noise policies). Social gatherings will be asked to disband if there are any disturbances to the community.

## Vandalism

Replacement/repair costs for damage in community building areas (hallways, stairwells, foyers, etc.) may be divided among the residents of the building if the responsible parties cannot be identified. This billing includes removal of trash left after check out. Vandalism is preventable. Please take care of your community.

## Visitor Policy

With the advanced permission of the roommate/suitemates, residents are allowed to have overnight guests up to 3 consecutive nights and no more than 4 nights in a calendar month.