

Rules and Regulations for all Residence Life Facilities

In addition to the rules and regulations listed below, Residents are responsible for observing all other University policies, regulations, guidelines as well as all regulations outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, the University catalog, and local, state, and federal laws. Areas of campus are under video surveillance.

Alcohol

Use, possession (including ingestion), and/or distribution of alcohol, alcohol containers (empty or populated), being present at a gathering in which a reasonable person would be aware alcohol is present and/or passive participation, and illegal substances or public intoxication are strictly prohibited. This regulation pertains to any person, regardless of age, student status, or position held within or outside of the University. To avoid any possible misunderstandings, empty alcohol containers (including boxes) are not permitted in Residence Life facilities.

Discovery of alcohol will require immediate disposal of the beverage in your presence by a Public Safety Officer as well as disciplinary action.

Students requiring staff or medical assistance due to alcohol consumption may be subject to disciplinary action.

Bicycles/Motorcycles

Students are permitted to bring only one (1) bicycle to campus. Any bike possessed or operated on campus must have a valid permit affixed and must be parked at a bike rack, locked and operable. The Department of Residence Life recommends that all bicycles are locked securely with a high quality "U-Lock". Bicycles are not to be parked inside buildings. Riding bicycles, skateboards and roller skates indoors is prohibited.

Bike permits can be obtained at no cost at the Department of Public Safety. Bikes may be impounded for lack of registration, no current permit affixed, improper storage, or for being inoperable. Bicycles attached to meters, signs, trees, light poles, stairwells, posts or any area other than a bike rack will be impounded and fees assessed. The Arkansas Tech University Bicycle Registration Policy can be found at <http://www.atu.edu/psafe/docs/arkansastechbicyclepolicy.pdf>.

Motorcycles and mopeds may not be stored in any housing facility and should be parked in designated parking areas.

Building Entry/Room Entry and Building Security

For your safety and security all residence halls are locked 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Residents should always carry their keys and ID cards with them. Keeping the doors locked is important. Residents should never open the doors for strangers or leave outside doors propped open. Students found propping open doors or breaching the hall security will face disciplinary action (including, but not limited to, sharing keys, access cards, etc.)

Entering or exiting through windows is prohibited. Residents and guests are to enter and exit through designated entrances only. Propping doors open, including entry, hallway, and room doors, or tampering with door closing or locking mechanisms is strictly prohibited. Students who engage in propping doors will be subject to disciplinary action.

Common Areas/Public Areas

Personal belongings are not to be left in the bathrooms, kitchens, studies, lounges, hallways, stairwells, or any other public areas due to health and safety concerns. Any personal items found in

these areas will be removed. The University is not responsible for items left in common areas.

Rowdy activity, wrestling, running, excessive noise, outdoor games and use of mobile recreational devices are not permitted in hallways or public areas due to disturbance and safety of other residents.

Wireless Internet

Wireless Internet is provided in each residence hall room and apartment. Cable splitters, hubs, routers, or other devices that are not provided by the university and alter wireless service or the campus network is prohibited. In addition, residents are required to use surge protectors when operating personal computers in their room. Residents must abide by the University Computer Usage Policies.

For more information about computer policies and requirements please visit

<http://www.atu.edu/resnet/>. Residents are required to use surge protectors when operating personal computers in their rooms. Wireless routers and wireless printers are prohibited in the residence halls. All University Computer Usage policies are enforced within the student's residence hall rooms.

Damage Costs and Insurance

Residents are held financially responsible for any damage that occurs in either public or private areas of Residence Life facilities. Residents should complete a Room Damage Reporting Form when they check into their room. This report records in detail the condition of the room at the time of check-in. Rooms are checked against this record at the time of check out. Students will be held liable for any damages, lost property, or unusual service to their rooms caused by accident, neglect, or intent. When two residents occupy the same room and the University cannot ascertain responsibility for damage or loss in the room, the cost will be divided equally between the residents of the room. Charges will be posted to the students account within 30 days of the checkout date/semester end.

When damages occur in the public areas of a building, all residents of that building can be held liable for the repair cost or fines. If the damage occurs on a specific floor or wing, the cost will be divided by the number of residents on that wing or floor and billed to their account. Should the Department of Residence Life deem that the damage cannot be attributed strictly to a specific wing or floor, the damage will be divided amongst the residents of the building and billed directly to their student account.

Students may appeal damage charges by emailing housing@atu.edu the Petition for Adjustment of Charges form located at <https://www.atu.edu/reslife/resources/resources.php> within 90 days of notification. Appeals should include the full name of the student, T number, date of charge, amount of charge, and what is being appealed along with any rationale and/or evidence. The Appeal Committee will review the appeal and make a determination. Nonpayment of debts incurred from, but not limited to, lost keys and service fees may result in withholding of academic records. A list of typical damage charges is available at <https://www.atu.edu/reslife/resources/resources.php> (select Damage Charge Structure).

The University is not responsible for personal property which is lost, stolen, or damaged in Residence Life facilities. It is recommended that students purchase insurance to protect personal items if they are not covered by family insurance. Room doors should be locked at all times.

Decorations

Your residence room will serve as your home away from home. Students are encouraged to decorate their rooms and make them as comfortable and cozy as they would like. However, there are a few restrictions when it comes to decorating the room. Posters may be hung on the walls, but no nails, hooks or screws may be used. Use only blue tape to avoid any damage that may occur when using

heavy tape, such as double-sided tape. Residents will be held responsible for wall damage caused by any wall hangings, including damage caused by removal of white Sticky Tack, Command strips, tape, etc. Decorations may not hang from the ceiling or any exposed pipes and decorations should cover no more than 25% of wall or door surfaces. Items hanging from exposed pipes is considered a fire safety violation. Residents may not mount televisions or other electronic equipment to the walls or ceilings in residence hall rooms or apartments. Painting and using contact paper are also prohibited. At no time are cut, live (natural) trees permitted due to the fire hazard they create.

Balcony areas are to be kept in a clean and orderly manner. They are not to be used as storage areas. Articles are

not to be hung over, around, on, or above balcony railings. Decorations including, but not limited to, signs, flags, posters, murals, banners, aluminum foil, or similar items to be displayed on or near the balcony, the balcony doors, or anywhere that can be seen from outside the building of the residential space are prohibited. Outdoor furniture only is allowed on patio/balcony. A charge will be assessed if furniture belonging inside the apartment unit is found on the patio. Colored light bulbs are not allowed in balcony/door lights or in any light fixture inside the apartment. Resident may not remove balcony light or globe. The University reserves the right to impose a charge for replacement if removed.

The University shall not permit materials, including, but not limited to, signs, flags, posters, murals, banners, aluminum foil, or similar items to be displayed in the windows, on the balcony, on the exterior of the apartment, or anywhere that can be seen from outside the residential space. Windows and doors shall not be obstructed. University provides blinds on windows and such blinds may not be removed. Damage to property including, but not limited to, paint, plaster, cabinets, carpets, floors, furniture or damage to any part of the premises caused by leaving windows or doors open during inclement weather will be the responsibility of the Resident.

Drugs and Narcotics

Illegal drugs, including the use, possession, manufacturing, distribution, or being found under the influence of marijuana, inhalants, narcotics or other controlled substances and paraphernalia, except as expressly permitted by law, are prohibited. Improper use, possession, or distribution of legal drugs and/or prescription drugs without a prescription is prohibited.

Use or possession of marijuana, including medical marijuana used or prescribed under the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016, is strictly prohibited on campus. Any such use or possession is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Specifically, Act 740 of 2017 provides that the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016 does not permit a person to possess, smoke, or otherwise engage in the medical use of marijuana on the grounds of a college or university. The University may notify parents or guardians of students under age 21 who are found to be in violation of this policy.

Electrical Appliances and Kitchenettes

Small microwaves (700 watt or less) are allowed in every housing facility. Refrigerators, 5 cubic feet or less, are allowed in the individual rooms of the residence halls. For your convenience we have partnered with Mustang Refrigerator Rentals to provide optional refrigerator rental for an additional fee. For rental information go to www.mustangrefrigerators.com.

Kitchenettes are provided in some of the residence halls. Students should use extreme caution when cooking and never leave cooking food unattended. Residents taking advantage of these facilities are responsible for keeping these areas clean and neat. Resident must responsibly use and maintain appliances provided by the University including, but not limited to, refrigerator, stove/oven, washer, and dryer. Resident will be held responsible for damages caused by cooking fires or other acts of negligence. In the event an appliance is in need of maintenance, Resident will report concerns using the maintenance request system.

Residents with the ability to change their HVAC unit in their residential space must keep utilities turned on as long as the apartment is leased by Resident in order to maintain appliances in operating order and to provide a minimum temperature of 72 degrees Fahrenheit in cold months and 74 degrees Fahrenheit in warm months. Utilities shall be used for normal household purposes.

Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with a request by an authorized university official including student staff or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties, including failure of a student to present their university identification card upon request or failure of a student to comply with an established roommate agreement may also result in disciplinary action. All residents will comply with all written rules and regulations listed in this document. Each resident will be responsible for knowing and following all Residence Life Policies and Procedures and the rules and regulations found in the Arkansas Tech University Student Handbook.

Fire Safety

Fires and open flames are prohibited in residence halls and apartments. Fires caused through negligence may result in disciplinary action and damage charges. Students should use extreme caution when cooking and never leave cooking food unattended.

Smoking in a University owned housing facility is considered a fire safety violation. Candles (lit or unlit), incense, and open flame decorations are fire hazards and are not allowed in any housing facility. Burning such items in your residence hall or apartment is strictly prohibited. Candle warmers are not permitted; however, scented wax warmers using a low-wattage light bulb (such as "Scentasy" warmers) are permitted. Storage of any flammable or explosive items is strictly prohibited on or about the premises. Failure to observe this policy will result in disciplinary action.

Activating the fire alarms, panic alarm system, or the emergency blue light system under false pretenses or tampering with fire safety equipment is a state and local violation of the law. This includes, but is not limited to, tampering with, damaging, or disabling smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads, and fire door closing mechanisms. Disciplinary action, as well as criminal action, may be taken against individuals who violate this policy. Activating a fire alarm system due to smoking, vaping, or burning incense and/or disabling a fire alarm system to avoid detection of those or other activities in your residence hall room or apartment will result in disciplinary action.

A fire drill is conducted at least once per semester for each Residence Life facility. All persons in the building must participate in the fire drill and evacuate the building. Residents who do not comply with this regulation are subject to disciplinary action. Students should consider any fire alarm real and evacuate the building immediately.

Firearms, Explosives, Weapons

Unless otherwise permitted by law, use, possession, storage, or distribution of firearms, rifles, shotguns, pistols, explosive materials (including fireworks), archery equipment, ammunition/bullets,

or any other weapons or dangerous instrumentality on the campus is prohibited and can result in immediate interim suspension of the student. This includes, but is not limited to, knives* (with blades larger than 3 inches in length), blow guns, sling shots, BB guns, paintball guns, airsoft guns, swords, pellet guns, toy guns, water guns, Nerf guns, and any other object used or threatened to be used as a weapon in which serious injury does or could result. Students owning firearms and/or other prohibited hunting materials should make arrangements for storage of these weapons off campus. **This policy may apply to knives with blades less than 3 inches in length when used in commission of other policy violations.*

Effective September 1, 2017, provided that the concealed carry licensee has the enhanced carry endorsement/training required by Act 562 of 2017, and subject to the limitations in Act 859 of 2017 (i.e. designated collegiate athletic events and/or discipline or grievance meetings or hearings), carrying a concealed handgun in the buildings or on the grounds owned or leased by Arkansas Tech University is permitted.

Pursuant to A.C.A. 5-73-322(d), the storage of a handgun by any person, concealed carry licensee or not, in a university- operated student dormitory or residence hall is prohibited under A.C.A. 5-73-119(c).

Pursuant to A.C.A. 5-73-306, a concealed carry licensee may have a concealed handgun in a locked and unattended vehicle when the vehicle is in a university parking lot.

Furniture

No furniture, including mattresses, may be removed from any room. TV cables or any electrical wiring may not be moved or altered in any way. Waterbeds are not permitted in Residence Life facilities, including manufactured and homemade models. Homemade lofts are not permitted in any Residence Life facility. For your convenience we have partnered with College Products to provide optional loft rental for an additional fee. For rental information, go to <https://collegeproducts.com/atu/store/atu/>.

Grills

For fire and safety reasons barbecue grills of any kind are not permissible inside resident rooms or apartments, on balconies, or in entryways to the hall or apartment complex.

Students may use grills in outdoor common areas at least 25 feet away from the building or other facilities. Grills must not be left unattended. After grilling, students must clean the grill, remove any coals, and allow the grill to cool completely before storing. Students may not store lighter fluid, charcoal that is presoaked with lighter fluid, or other flammable materials within the residence hall or apartment.

Harassment

Harassment, defined as unwelcome conduct that is severe and pervasive and substantially interferes with the learning, working, or living environment, and which would detrimentally affect a reasonable person under the circumstances, is prohibited. Harassment is extreme, outrageous, or persistent acts or communications that are intended or reasonably likely to harass, intimidate, or humiliate another. Whether the alleged conduct constitutes prohibited harassment depends on the entire circumstances, including the nature, frequency, type and duration of the conduct.

Keys and Lockouts

Residents are responsible for the use and control of their room/hall keys. Please keep doors locked at all times. It is prohibited for students to lend room/hall keys and/or personal ID to others. Lost keys

must be reported to the Resident Director immediately. Residents who lose their key will be assessed a replacement charge. Keep your keys with you at all times. Key duplication is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action. Locks and doors may not be changed, added, or altered. All keys must be returned to the University upon termination of occupancy or the University may impose a charge.

Residents may call or come to the Residence Life office for assistance when locked out of their room, suite, or apartment on Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. If after normal business hours or during the weekend, please contact the Resident Assistant on-call. Lockout charges will be assessed to the student's account according to the table of fees available at www.atu.edu/reslife.

Students may appeal lockout charges by emailing housing@atu.edu the Petition for Adjustment of Charges form located at <https://www.atu.edu/reslife/resources/resources.php> within 90 days of notification. Appeals should include the full name of the student, T-number, date of charge, amount of charge, and what is being appealed along with any rationale and/or evidence. Residence Life will review the appeal and make a determination within 14 days.

Mail

If you live in campus housing, the Post Office box fee is automatically included in your housing contract, but you must complete a P.O. Box reservation form to obtain a P.O. Box for the upcoming semester. This must be done each semester to keep your P.O. Box open and your on-campus delivery address active. Mail delivery is not offered to the Residence Halls. Any mail not addressed to your P.O. Box will be returned to sender. A link to the P. O Box reservation form can be found at <https://www.atu.edu/mailroom/po-box-form.php>.

Musical Instruments/Music

Musical instruments, as well as radios and stereos, must be utilized in a manner that does not disturb other residents. Cooperation with courtesy hours and/or quiet hours is fully expected

Noise and Disruption and Finals Week/Quiet Week

Each student has the right to sleep or study without unreasonable restriction in their own room at any time during the day or night. Excessive noise and disruption will not be tolerated in Residence Life facilities. If noise level should become excessive, you will be required to lower the volume. Additionally, students who opt to bring oversized speakers which create a continual noise disruption into Residence Life facilities will be given the opportunity to remove those speakers. Should they fail to do so, the Department of Residence Life reserves the right to confiscate the speakers.

Quiet Hours: Quiet hours are in effect from 11 p.m. - 11 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 p.m. - 1 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Courtesy Hours: Courtesy hours are in effect when quiet hours are not. During courtesy hours residents are expected to keep noise down so it may not be heard more than 2 doors down or outside the apartment in the University Operated Apartments as to not create excessive noise in the hallways, common areas and outside the buildings.

Prolonged or excessive noise that may disturb the rights, comfort or convenience of other residents may be considered a policy violation. Noise from a room should not be heard more than two doors down the hallway or two doors down in a breezeway.

Each semester beginning two days prior to starting final exams, 24-hour quiet time goes into effect. This policy will remain in effect until the last scheduled exam.

Roommate Agreement

(A) Inhospitable Living Environment – If residents find their current living environment unsuitable in meeting their academic and personal needs and a roommate mediation has been attempted, it is that resident's responsibility to work with their RA and/or RD to initiate a room transfer process. Residents' behaviors designed to make their living environment difficult or challenging for roommate(s) in hopes roommate(s) will transfer rooms are unacceptable and will result in conduct action.

(B) Existing Spaces – If a space exists within a resident's room/suite/townhome/apartment, it must remain clean, locked, and vacant so that another resident can move into that space with limited notice (in case of emergencies) or 24-hour notice during a room transfer process. Residents who occupy a 'vacant' space within their unit, make their residential space (room, suite, and/or apartment) unappealing/attractive for potential roommates, and/or attempt to deter potential roommates from moving into that space are subject to conduct action.

(C) Failure to Follow a Roommate Agreement – In the process of generating a roommate agreement with a Residence Life staff member, all roommates are agreeing to each item stated on the agreement. Failing to follow this agreement will result in conduct action, up to and including a required room transfer or license/lease agreement cancellation for one or all residents involved.

Parking

Residents must park in the space designated for their residence hall. Residents are not allowed to park in the spaces reserved for the Resident Directors or Coordinators. Parking regulations as outlined by the Department of Public Safety must be followed. Parking regulations can be found at <http://www.atu.edu/psafe/park-info.php>.

The driveways, sidewalks, courts, entry passages, stairs and halls shall not be obstructed, used for bicycles, motorcycles and other vehicles or used for any purpose other than ingress and egress. Recreational vehicles, boats, jet skis, etc., are prohibited from being parked on the premises. Parking of Resident's vehicle anywhere other than designated parking areas is strictly prohibited. The University reserves the right to refuse parking of any vehicle which may endanger life or property. Although guest parking is provided, these spaces may prove inadequate at certain times, such as when Resident may be entertaining or on high activity weekends. Resident agrees to abide by all University parking regulations and in particular not to double park, park in fire lanes, obstruct the flow of traffic, park in prohibited areas, park on landscaped areas or otherwise violate parking provisions in force from time to time. Resident agrees to display parking hangtag as instructed. Only one vehicle is allowed per Resident. Resident agrees that for a violation of any parking regulation in force from time to time, including failure to display hangtag, Resident's vehicle and the vehicles of Resident's guests may be subject to being towed at Resident's or owner's expense.

Passive Participation

Residents are obligated to remove themselves from situations where a policy violation and/or illegal activity is occurring and to contact Residence Life staff about the situation. Residents present may be held responsible for the violation.

Pets

Dogs, cats, birds, rodents, reptiles, amphibians, fish, or other animals are not permitted at or in University housing facilities. Guests may not bring dogs, cats, birds, rodents, reptiles, amphibians, fish, or other animals. Strays should not be encouraged to remain in the area. Any dogs, cats, birds, rodents, reptiles, amphibians, fish, or other animals found in University housing facilities will be presumed to be a stray and may be removed. Residents requiring aid by a service or assistance animal

must be registered at Disability Services. Residents receiving this accommodation must comply with the terms and conditions of the University Service and Assistance Animal Policy.

Residents found with an illegal pet will face a monetary fine, with additional billing as needed to restore the unit to an occupiable state (determined by ATU) which may include (but is not limited to) carpet and/or furniture replacement, and repainting. Additional disciplinary sanctions may be applied. Second time violators of the pet policy will be removed from on-campus housing. All current occupants of apartments or suites found with an illegal pet, or related pet paraphernalia (food and water dishes, toys, litter boxes, etc.) will be held responsible for the illegal pet. Damages caused by the animal (approved or not) will be charged to the responsible student(s). Residents are responsible for settling "ownership" and pet responsibility issues between themselves. Residence Life will not decide where the pet has been and where it has not. The entire unit may be deep cleaned (at a minimum) at the residents' expense. All residents are responsible for what occurs in their living space. Any pet "reappearances" will be subject to additional charges and possible contract revocation. "Just Visiting" is not permitted. Illegal pets are not allowed in University Operated Housing Facilities at any time.

For information on approved assistance and service animals in University Operated Housing Facilities, see the Service and Assistance Animal Policy.

Physical Abuse

Physical abuse between students or from a student to another member of the University community, defined as intentional physical contact with any person when such conduct threatens or endangers the health and safety of that person(s) is prohibited.

Prohibited Items

Items that compromise the safety and security of Residence Life facilities or the students that reside within those facilities are prohibited. Residence Life reserves the right to deem an item unsafe.

Firearms, ammunition, explosives, and weapons are prohibited. (See Firearms, Explosives, Weapons above.) Additionally, storage of combustible materials, such as gasoline, lighter fluid, or paint thinner, is not permitted in Residence Life facilities.

Hot plates, suntan lamps, halogen lamps, motion lamps (such as "lava" lamps) or any lamp that requires heat in order to function, tattoo guns and/or needles, window unit air conditioners, any open coil appliances (toasters, toaster ovens, etc.) electrical space heaters, and any appliance that could "melt down" if left unattended are prohibited regardless of UL approval. UL approved appliances with fully enclosed heating elements and/or electrical wiring are permitted.

Air fryers, Insta Pots, and Ninja cookers are only allowed in the University Commons Apartments.

Lighting and appliance wiring should not exceed one extension cord per electrical outlet. Use of multiple socket plugs, running extension cords under carpeting and direct splicing in the electrical outlet are prohibited. Extension cords must be UL approved. If a surge protector (e.g., multiple socket extender) is being used, it is required to be UL approved and have an on/off switch.

The possession, use, or storage of self-balancing scooters/hoverboards inside Arkansas Tech University buildings and facilities is prohibited.

Washing vehicles and performing mechanical work on vehicles is strictly prohibited.

Property Abandonment

Items left in the room/suite/apartment by a vacating resident will be removed at the resident's expense. The vacating resident will be sent written or e-mail notice to the listed address and given 30 days thereafter to claim the items. If no response is received within the 30-day deadline, the

University will dispose of these items by donating them to a local charity. Removal and storage fees may be charged to the resident's account. Minimum charge, regardless of number of items \$55.00.

Solicitation

For the protection and privacy of residents and to prevent the interruption of studies, no door-to-door activity (canvassing, solicitation, sales, proselytizing, etc.) for any purpose unrelated to the management of the residence hall is allowed, unless the Department of Residence Life has granted permission. If you encounter such activity, contact a staff member immediately.

Students may not post flyers or posters in University owned housing facilities. Hall staff members will post flyers and posters in the halls for events and services sponsored by University departments and Registered Student Organizations only. Departments and Registered Student Organizations may bring posters or up to 100 flyers to the Department of Residence Life (Doc Bryan 153) for distribution.

Storage

Due to limited space, storage of room furniture is not permitted in the residence hall, nor is residence hall furniture permitted to be stored off-campus. Students who leave the residence hall/University Commons apartments must remove all belongings. Failure to remove all items from any Residence Life facility may result in a charge to the owners of the personal items, in accordance with the Property Abandonment Policy.

Theft

Theft or illegal possession of any property belonging to the University, a member of the University community, or of any campus visitor is subject to disciplinary action. Theft should be reported to the Department of Public Safety or a Residence Life staff member immediately.

Tobacco Products/Smoking

The use of any tobacco product, including, but not limited to, smoking, dipping, chewing, or the use of electronic cigarettes or vapor pens (with or without tobacco products) is prohibited on campus. Students may face disciplinary action if there is reasonable evidence of use within the residence hall including, but not limited to, the presence of cigarette butts, ashes, or a receptacle containing waste products of tobacco use.

Trash and Cleanliness

All students are responsible for maintaining a clean and sanitary living space in both their assigned room and the common areas. Resident rooms and apartments should be kept clear of trash, food waste, and clutter to prevent unpleasant odors and avoid attracting pests. In addition, residents are responsible for maintaining clear pathways for exit in case of emergency.

Residents should remove their personal trash from the building to the proper trash receptacles. Residents may not dispose of room trash in public bathrooms, lobbies, or other receptacles that are not the designated building trash receptacles. Trash may not be left in hallways, breezeways, lounges, bathrooms, stairwells, etc. Littering or throwing objects from windows is prohibited and the University reserves the right to impose a charge for violations of this provision as well as any littering by Resident.

University Property

University property such as lobby furniture, televisions, and holiday decorations may not be moved from the lobby. University property located in the lounges and other public areas is for the use of all residents. If university property designated for common areas is discovered in a resident's room,

disciplinary action will be taken.

University Rights/Housing Contract Violations

The University reserves the right at any time to make changes to these rules and regulations as the University shall in its judgment determine to be necessary for the safety, care, and cleanliness of the premises and for the preservation of good order, comfort, and benefit of Residents in general and for the efficient operation of the University Housing Facilities.

Vandalism

Willful damage or defacement of University facilities or property will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Persons who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action and notification of the Department of Public Safety for further action.

Visitation/Escort Policy

The University acknowledges the right of Resident to entertain friends and to have guests which can be restricted or removed based on the needs of the community. At all times residents are fully responsible for their guests/visitors and the actions of these guests/visitors. All non-residents of a building must be escorted by Resident of that building at all times. This includes members of the same sex. Visitors and/or guests, including Residents of the same building, must be accompanied by Resident of the room or apartment at all times while visiting the room, apartment, and/or other building extensions. Guests should never be left in a room or apartment alone and shall not make or permit any excessive noise or otherwise disrupt the comfort or interrupt the sleep of other Residents. By having a guest/visitor on University property, the Resident and guest/visitor both agree to hold University harmless against all claims for personal injury sustained by Resident and Resident's guests/visitors in their use and enjoyment of the facilities.

Non-residents of the same sex must be escorted to the restroom. Any non-resident of the opposite sex may not use restroom or shower facilities. In some halls, guest restrooms are available on the first floor.

A guest is defined as someone who you allow to be in your presence while in your residence hall and/or room and is a student (including non-residential students) of Arkansas Tech University. It is your responsibility that they abide by all related policies. Should a guest violate policy, it is the responsibility of the resident to report the violation and contact hall staff to assist in the removal of the guest. Should a guest violate policy and staff is not notified by the host, the host may be held responsible for the violation.

A visitor is defined as someone who you allow to be in your presence while in your residence hall and/or room and is not a student of Arkansas Tech University. It is your responsibility that they abide by all related policies. Should a visitor violate policy, it is the responsibility of the student to report the violation and contact hall staff to assist in the removal of the visitor. Should a visitor violate policy and staff is not notified by the host, the host may be held responsible for the violation.

Residents are welcome to have overnight visitors of the same sex, if receiving prior consent from room/suite/apartment mates. Visitors are limited to three (3) nights per semester. Visits greater than three (3) nights, even with breaks in between or in another resident's room, are prohibited without written permission from the Coordinator. Residents may have a maximum of two guests and/or visitors at one point in time in their room. In a quad room the total occupancy must not exceed 6 with any combination of guest to resident ratio.

Guests are not permitted overnight without prior approval in situations deemed extreme by the Coordinator. Room and common area visitation policies must be abided by.

Visitation (Room)

Visitation times in residence hall rooms and apartments, including apartment common areas, are

from 9 a.m. until 11:59 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 24 hours from 9 a.m. Friday until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday. Each resident is responsible for their guest/visitor and should escort the guest/visitor at all times while in the residence hall or apartment, including while entering or exiting the building. This applies to same sex and opposite sex guests/visitors. Same sex guests who live in the same building as their host or hostess are allowed visitation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week provided there is no cohabitation.

Visitation (Lobby)

Residence Hall lobby visitation is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Guests/visitors must be accompanied by their host or hostess while visiting the lobby and when entering or exiting the building.

Visitation of Minors

Children are permitted to visit the residence facilities; however, children are permitted to visit during visitation hours only, and they must leave by the end of visitation hours. Anyone under the age of 18 is not permitted to stay overnight. Children must be attended to at all times. They are not permitted to run up and down hallways, stairwells, or in public areas unattended. Residents who have children that disturb other residents may be asked to remove the children from the facility. Residents may not provide paid babysitting service in the halls. The Department of Residence Life cannot assume responsibility or liability for children visiting the residence facilities.

Windows/Roof

Each residence hall room is provided with blinds for residents' privacy. In order to assure that our campus has an aesthetic appearance, windows may not be covered with any sun blocking items such as insulation, foil, etc., nor may students display posters, signs, or other items in their windows. Windows and doors shall not be obstructed because it can prevent access in or out during an emergency. The University provides blinds on windows and such blinds may not be removed. Damage to property including, but not limited to, paint, plaster, cabinets, carpets, floors, furniture, or damage to any part of the premises caused by leaving windows or doors open during inclement weather will be the responsibility of the Resident.

Jones Hall has a closed window policy while the air conditioner or heater is in use. All windows must remain closed during this time period unless posted differently by the Department of Residence Life.

Nutt Hall windows are to remain closed at all times, as this building is climate controlled.

Roof access is strictly prohibited and no radio wires, television antennas, satellite dishes, or any other aerials or any other objects shall be attached to the roof or exterior of any building. The University provides internet service to each University Operated Facility.