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RESIDENTIAL POLICY

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Purpose- University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya strictly adheres to a Residential Policy which applies to all students, faculties, guests and administrative staffs living in campus residential facilities. These policies are primarily designed to protect the rights, health, and safety of all individuals living in the community. At the same time, they place responsibility upon resident students, faculties, guests & administrative staffs to live in a manner that respects the rights of others and fosters a strong community. Failure to comply with these guidelines is a violation of the University residential code of conduct and will be adjudicated through the university disciplinary action process.

Policies for On-Campus Residences

In order to ensure a living environment that develops in campus students into responsible citizens and their behavior which is consistent with community values, there is a need for defined expectations to serve as standards for student conduct. These standards are primarily based on the need to recognize and respect the rights of others and the need to comply with local, state law. Along with this the employees who are residing in campus have to follow certain rules & regulations which have been set up by the university administration.

The specific policies outlined below apply to all residents of university-owned living facilities. They are designed to complement the behavioral guidelines outlined in other university standards. All conditions stipulated in residents' housing contracts are enforced by this policy; a violation of those conditions is therefore a violation of this policy.

Prohibited Conduct

Residents are prohibited from:

1. Obtaining university keys illicitly, duplicating university keys, loaning keys, retaining keys beyond authorized dates for returning them to the university, or altering door safety closures or locks.
2. Causing loud or disturbing sounds which may interfere with the rights of other students or members of the surrounding community including, but not limited to, the right to rest, study, or be free of unnecessary or unwarranted distractions;
3. Changing the physical structure or appearance of residences, removing or dismantling furniture; using any unauthorized risers to raise furniture (i.e. cement blocks, other furniture); unauthorized painting of rooms or furniture; tampering with facility equipment (including elevators, electrical power boxes, accessing roofs, etc.), possessing or using waterbeds or devices that pose a threat to the structural integrity of the facility; tampering with or unauthorized use of fire safety equipment;
4. Unauthorized use, possession, or storage of ammunition, weapons (including air soft and paintball guns), gasoline, explosives (including fireworks), internal combustion engines or

any other flammable object or substance (including candles and incense) in any residential facility including the breezeways, storage areas, or other exterior areas of facilities ["weapons" include replica or facsimile guns or knives that a reasonable person may perceive as real weapons].

5. Cooking & using heaters are not allowed in rooms in hostel facility.
6. Pets are not allowed into any facility.
7. Some standard code of conduct are also defined by the administration which are monitored by Hostel Development Committee / Hostel Monitoring cell for hostel boarders and Estate Officer is responsible for the Administrative staffs, faculties and guests residing in campus.
 - After office hours no one is allowed to roam around in a dress code which is noncompliance to the university resident dress code policy.
 - Timing for female residents to travel around the campus is up till dusk. Girl's hostel warden is to accompany female students to library after dusk. Same way they need to be escorted back to their respective hostels.
 - Dress code of conduct to be followed as well as per University norms.
 - Breakfast, lunch & dinner times are fixed and have to be followed by boarders.

Other Policies

1. Rooms are to be occupied only by the persons assigned by the Hostel In charge. Rooms are reserved for students of the same sex only. No overnight guest is allowed to stay in students' room. Guests are permitted to stay in campus guest house after prior approval from Estate officer & Deputy Registrar. Residents shall be responsible for ensuring that their guests abide by all University policies.
2. Residents are required to follow proper check-in and checkout procedures as issued by the University authority. This includes residents (Students) have to enter the campus before 9 PM and ensure record in the incoming outgoing register. Residents who do not follow the proper check in- checkout procedures will be penalized..
3. Residents may not occupy for any reason unauthorized or unapproved areas within any residential facility or its exterior areas, such as roofs, windows or window ledges. Students found in these areas doing unsocial activities will be penalized as per university laws.
4. Residents must maintain and contribute to community standards of health and cleanliness.
5. Residents are required to comply with all local & state laws.
6. Storage of personal property during the school year and over break periods is at the resident's own risk.
7. All residents must comply with safety regulations, including responding to fire alarms (this includes not tampering with any safety equipments).
8. Residents may not alter or adjust existing computer/network connections without prior approval of Technology Services. Residents may not attach unregistered equipment to the network. Attached equipment must be registered in accordance with policies of the Residential Network.
9. Operating any personal or private business out of any university owned residence is prohibited. This includes the use of telephone, computer and network connections and infrastructural facilities.

Tobacco, smoking & alcohol consumption Policy

The university protects the public health by prohibiting smoking in all university facilities so that non-smokers are guaranteed smoke-free air. It is the policy of the University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya which sounds that students, faculty, staff, and visitor to the university are entitled to live, study, work & live etc., in areas that are free of tobacco, smoke and alcohol. In applications of this policy, responsibility rests with faculty, staff, students, and visitors who do smoke to defer to the health and preferences of other faculty, staff, students and visitors. It is the responsibility of department heads, architect & engineers. Supervisors & Estate officer to enforce this policy.

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