

RESIDENCE SERVICES

Community Guide



University
of Victoria

Residence Services



Thank you for choosing to stay with Residence Services at the University of Victoria.

As we all share the same space, our Community Standards are in place to ensure an inclusive environment and safe space for all residents and guests living or staying on campus, as well as our employees.

We ask all guests to read and understand our Community Standards prior to arrival, and to ask for clarification where necessary. It is each guest's responsibility to be aware of our Standards, and to abide by them.

If a guest's conduct does not align with the Community Standards outlined, Residence Services staff will work with the guest or resident to address the situation and determine the most appropriate course of action. While Residence Services aims to follow the guidelines in this document, we also reserve the right to address behaviour that may not be explicitly mentioned but is inconsistent with the spirit of the Community Standards. In some cases, this could lead to a review and in serious cases, termination of your visitor agreement.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to any of the items mentioned in this document, please contact us:

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COMMUNITY STANDARDS

SUBSTANCES



Alcohol

Alcohol may only be consumed by adults (19+) within a resident's room/apartment/cluster unit. Please drink responsibly.

Alcohol consumption or carrying unsealed liquor is not permitted in public spaces, including but not limited to: lounges, balconies, washrooms, hallways, and any outdoor residence space.

Anyone under the age of 19 may not possess or consume Alcohol.

Tobacco & Cannabis

The legal age for the purchase and use of Tobacco, Tobacco Products and Cannabis in BC is 19+. Smoking, vaping and the use of Cannabis is permitted at the designated Smoking and Cannabis Smoking Areas only. Please use the following link for a map of the designated smoking areas: <https://www.uvic.ca/ohse/health/smoke-free/index.php>

The use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, hookahs, shisha, or any other smoking devices are not permitted in residence. Using or carrying unsealed Cannabis is also not permitted in residence. This includes residence buildings, balconies, or any outdoor residence spaces excluding the designated Smoking Areas or designated Cannabis Smoking Areas.

Drugs

Any possession or involvement in any illegal drug or drug-related activity is prohibited, whether it be direct or indirect. Possession of paraphernalia, use and/or trafficking of illegal drugs and/or prescription drugs/medication is prohibited.

NOISE



Quiet Hours

To respect fellow guests and students, the following quiet hours are in effect in all residence areas:

Sunday - Thursday, 9PM - 8AM

Friday - Saturday, 12AM (Midnight) - 10AM

Subwoofers

Subwoofers (bass amplifiers) are not permitted in residence.

OCCUPANTS



Visitors

Guests and residents are allowed visitors in their rooms/cluster units and must take full responsibility for the actions of their visitor(s). Prior to having a guest, residents who share a room/cluster unit must receive permission from their roommate(s).

Pets

Guests and residents are not allowed to have any pets in residence. Guide animals are permitted in residence if the resident/guest has submitted appropriate documentation and received prior approval by Residence Services.

COOKING



Appliances

In dormitory residences, microwaves are available in the lounges. Kettles are permitted in dorm rooms, but are not provided. Mini fridges can be rented for a weekly fee, an email to visitoraccommodation@uvic.ca in advance of the guest's arrival is required to check for availability. All other appliances are not permitted.

In cluster units and apartments, all of the appliances equipped in the kitchens are permitted to be used.

Gas & Fire Devices

Cooking devices that are open-coil, open-flame or gas-based, including but not limited to BBQs, hot plates and butane-burners, are not permitted in residence buildings or on university property.

FIRE SAFETY



Flames & Candles

Open flames, such as candles or incense, are not permitted in residence. Never burn or ignite any substance in residence.

Equipment

DO NOT tamper with fire equipment including alarms, extinguishers and hoses. Activating, handling, using, covering, disengaging or otherwise interfering with any fire or safety equipment for any reason other than an emergency is prohibited whether such action is intentional or not.

Residents and guests are required to evacuate buildings in the event of a fire alarm or any other emergency.

SECURITY



Doors

For the safety and security of guests and staff, doors may not be propped or left open. Do not hold open doors of residence buildings for strangers.

Keys

Residence building keys are for the use of the registered guest only. It is prohibited for guests to give their key to someone else or copy a key or key card provided by Residence Services.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE



Cleaning & Housekeeping Service

Each guest and resident is responsible for cleaning their own room and private living area. Shared areas such as lounges are the joint responsibility of all guests/residents occupying that living space. Vacuum cleaners/ floor cleaning materials are provided. In dormitory buildings, hallways and shared washrooms are cleaned by university housekeeping staff.

Maintenance

Facilities or items needing repair should be reported to the Residence Services office as soon as possible.

RESPECT FOR OTHERS



Safe Space

While living/staying in our residence communities, respect for fellow guests, residents, staff, and the facility is always the guiding rule. Ensuring a safe space for all guests and staff is required. Any activity (verbal, written, electronic, graphic, physical) that is threatening, racist, sexist, homophobic, or any form of discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment or unwanted sexual attention is prohibited.

Cooperation with Staff & Others

Cooperation with University Staff is expected. Failure to cooperate with, and/or verbal or physical harassment or abuse of a University staff member (e.g., Residence Staff, Campus Security) or other (e.g., Police, Emergency Responders) is strictly prohibited.

Theft & Damage

Theft or possession of another person's property without permission is prohibited. Damage to the personal property of other guests and residents is also prohibited.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY



Damage to Property

Any damage to residence property is prohibited.

Playing Sports

Guests and residents are not permitted to engage in physically active sports/games/activities inside residence buildings. Please keep the playing of sports to our outside fields.

Throwing or Falling Objects

Throwing, dropping, knocking or ejecting objects from residence buildings windows, balconies or stairwells, whether intentionally or unintentionally, is prohibited. Throwing objects within or at a residence building is also prohibited.

Vandalism

Any wilful, malicious, or negligent destruction of public or private property in or around Residence, and/or failure to uphold reasonable standards of cleanliness is prohibited. Being present while vandalism occurs and failing to report such acts will be treated as vandalism.

Signs

No signs (electronic or otherwise), posters, banners or flags of any size may be hung outside, or around the Residence Complex.

DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES & MATERIALS



Dangerous Activity

Activities that are considered dangerous or potentially harmful to any person, including the guest/resident engaging in the activities are prohibited.

Dangerous Materials

Possession or use of explosive or flammable materials are not permitted on residence property, including but not limited to: Firecrackers, fireworks, dynamite, gasoline, propane, or other similar materials. Propane tanks are not permitted in Residence.