



UNIVERSITY OF
ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE
IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

University of St. Michael's College Rules of Residence 2023-2024

Living in residence is a unique experience that can greatly enrich one's university career; however, residence life is not for everyone. Unlike living alone, residents must be sensitive and responsive to the needs of their fellow housemates. Residents must also be willing to abide by certain standards of behaviour and respect the staff and community members charged with enforcing them. The following rules have been developed to help students achieve their academic and personal goals in a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment:

Eligibility: To be eligible to live in residence, students are expected to be enrolled full-time at the UofT and have achieved a minimum cGPA of 2.5. Additionally, residents will be evaluated by the Residence Life team to assess their suitability to be readmitted for future academic terms. If you are concerned about this expectation, you may book a meeting with the Assistant Dean, Residence Life.

Noise: Creating a level of noise that prevents others from being able to regularly sleep or study in their rooms is not permitted. Residents are expected to respect any quiet hours that have been established in their houses and to moderate their voices in public areas late at night (e.g., hallway, the quad, etc.). TV's and stereos are permitted so long as they do not disturb the peace of others; subwoofers are prohibited.

Visitors in Residence: Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times, and for any damage they may cause. Visitors are not permitted in residence without their host present, nor may they share keys.

Loretto Residence Only: Male-identifying visitors are welcome in residence from 10:00am until 12:00am daily.

Overnight Guests in Residence: At SMC, Students are permitted to have overnight guests of any gender at St. Michael's College. Guests may stay for a maximum of two (2) consecutive nights, and a total of 10 nights per academic semester. For students who are occupying a double or triple room with roommate(s), permission must be obtained in advance to host an overnight guest. Guests must always be accompanied by the resident who is hosting them. Key sharing is not permitted. Guests are not permitted to sleep in the common rooms. As a courtesy and for safety measures, the Don of the community should be made aware of the presence of an overnight guests, whenever possible.

Loretto Residence Only: Male-identifying overnight guests are not permitted at Loretto.

Parties: Students are not permitted to host parties in their rooms. A party is defined as including any combination of two (2) of the following three (3) criteria:

1. Five or more people in one room;
2. The presence of alcohol;
3. Significant noise.

Residence Property: Residence rooms come equipped with furniture that must remain in the room and be accounted for at year's end (including window screens and bed frames). Missing items, damage to the room or its contents, or to any other College property, will be charged to the responsible party. Damage in double rooms will be charged to both occupants unless one party takes responsibility; in like manner, damage to common areas may be divided amongst all house members. Residents are not permitted to display or affix anything on the exterior of the residence buildings, or to suspend, throw or let fall any object or substance from a residence window or rooftop.

Proscribed Materials: Weapons, firearms, air powered guns, replica guns, fireworks, explosives of any kind, chemical oils, flammable or dangerous materials, illegal drugs, accelerated drinking paraphernalia, candles, incense, or any offensive, hazardous, or illegal substances are not permitted in residence and are subject to confiscation.

Theft & Vandalism: The theft or willful defacement or destruction of college, university, public or personal property will not be tolerated and may result in criminal prosecution.

Respect for College: Residents are required to respect the authority of the Office of the Dean of Students, including the dons and all other residence life staff, and to comply with their instructions and directives including providing identification upon request. St. Mike's is delighted to house students of all backgrounds and faith traditions; in like manner, students are expected to respect the unique Catholic heritage, identity, and mission of the University of St. Michael's College.

Good Conduct: Residents are expected to always conduct themselves in a mature fashion. Inconsiderate behaviour, abusive, intimidating, or disorderly conduct, lewd or unlawful acts, the encouraging of unlawful acts, threats of any kind, verbal abuse, physical violence, sexual harassment, or sexual assault will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment is defined as any unwanted emphasis on the sex or sexual orientation of another person, or any unwelcome pressure for sex or sexual activity. Sexual assault is any form of unwanted sexual activity that is forced upon another person without their consent.

Harassment: St. Michael's believes strongly in the dignity of all people regardless of race, ancestry, place of origin, citizenship, religion, creed, ethnic origin, age, politics, gender, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation. Any harassment stemming from prejudice against the above-mentioned groups, or against any individual who is part of such a group, will not be tolerated. 'Harassment' is defined as engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known, or ought to reasonably be known, to be unwelcome. This may include vexatious conduct that occurs on-line.

Drugs: The use, possession, or sale of illegal drugs by residents or their guests is strictly prohibited. Any evidence of distributing or dealing illegal substances will result in immediate expulsion and potential criminal prosecution.

Alcohol and Cannabis: Residents under 19 years of age may not consume or be in possession of alcohol or cannabis on USMC property. Residents who may legally consume alcohol or cannabis are expected to do so in a safe and responsible manner. The consumption of alcohol and cannabis in residence is governed by the USMC Residence Alcohol and Cannabis Code, which is available on our website. Note: Kegs of beer (including mini-kegs) are prohibited in the dorms. Students who may legally possess marijuana must store it in a sealed airtight container (e.g., Tupperware) along with any associated paraphernalia to prevent the smell from travelling into the hallways.

Harmful Behaviour: Students who exhibit behaviours that are deemed potentially harmful to themselves, or others may be required to meet with support services and/or have their emergency contact notified. Alternative housing arrangements may be necessary in cases where a student is deemed to require more support than our staff can provide.

Pets: The only animals permitted in residence are service animals that have been prescribed as necessary for support by a medical professional.

Cleanliness: Residents are expected to keep their rooms in a sanitary state and to remove all personal items at year's end. Residents, not janitorial staff, are responsible for cleaning up after house functions in the common rooms. Any room or space that requires excessive cleaning will be billed to the responsible party, with a minimum charge of \$250.

Cooking & Appliances: In the interests of fire safety, cleanliness and the containment of unwanted odors, cooking is not permitted in any of the residence buildings. Electric stoves are strictly prohibited as are exposed element heaters including grills. Acceptable appliances include microwaves, kettles, coffee makers, and rice cookers. Due to the excessive power they draw, fridges may be no larger than 5 cubic feet.

Musical Instruments: Residents may bring musical instruments (except drums) but are strongly encouraged to use the music practice room in Sorbara Hall or Brennan Hall 115B. Residents may play acoustic instruments quietly in their rooms but must adhere to their housemates' requests to moderate volume. Lowering volume may also be necessary in the music room. Music amplifiers are not permitted in residence.

Departure: To reduce excessive noise during exam periods, students are expected to vacate residence within 48 hours of their final exams in both the fall and spring terms.

Dining Hall: The removal of food, dishes or cutlery from the Canada Room is prohibited, as is sneaking, or attempting to sneak people into the dining hall without paying. Meal plans are compulsory for all residents without exception. No refunds will be issued for missed meals for any reason. Meal cards are non-transferable.

Residence Network: The use of the Residence Network (ResNet) is governed by the USMC Residence Network Use Agreement and all residents are expected to abide by its terms. Unauthorized access points (e.g., routers) are not permitted as they interfere with the Wi-Fi signal for one's housemates.

Unauthorized Entry/Access: Entering other students' rooms or disturbing their property without permission is prohibited; as is accessing areas of the College that are known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be off limits.

Building Security: Residents are not permitted to prop open entrance doors, and are responsible for ensuring that non-residents do not gain access to buildings by following in behind them. Residents who lose their keys are required to notify staff at the Porter's Desk. Replacement keys are available at \$20 each for key cards, and \$50 each for a metal key. Residents who consistently damage their keys may also be charged a replacement fee. Lending a keycard/metal key to fellow residents, friends, family members and/or non-residents is strictly prohibited.

Smoking: The University of Toronto is a smoke-free campus. Smoking of any kind including tobacco, marijuana, vaping or E-cigarettes is prohibited inside all residence buildings and subject to a \$250 fine. Students whose rooms contain evidence of smoking including the presence of smoke, cigarette butts or ashtrays, will be treated as violators. All smoking must take place off College property.

Fire Safety: Fire safety equipment exists for the protection of all residents and student safety is jeopardized when it is misused. Tampering with or neutralizing smoke/heat detectors, fire extinguishers, alarm bells, pull stations, automatic door closers, and all other fire safety equipment are criminal offences. Residents who cause false alarms that result in the arrival of the fire department may be held responsible for any associated charges. To reduce the risk of accidental fires, the burning of candles and incense is not permitted in residence rooms, and a strict \$250 fine will be enforced for their use. All residents are expected to be familiar with basic fire safety procedures.

Penalties: Residents who breach the rules of residence will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the 'USMC Code of Discipline' which is available on our website.

Pandemic Considerations: During a pandemic or emergency, residence policies may be adjusted. This will apply specifically to guest policies and common area capacities.

The Office of the Dean of Students reserves the right to amend this document when required.