

# USMC Rules of Residence

Residents share responsibility for creating a safe, respectful, and inclusive living environment. Adhering to the USMC Rules of Residence and Community Standards supports the well-being of students, staff, and the broader residence community, while also helping to protect residence facilities and shared spaces.

These standards are in place to support both academic success and positive community living. Residents who breach the rules of residence will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the “USMC Residence Code of Discipline” on the college website.

The Office of Residences and Students Operations reserves the right to amend this document when required.

## SMC Residence Community Standards:

### Noise & Quiet Hours

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>1.1: Courtesy Hours</b>	All residents are expected to keep noise at a level that does not interfere with others' ability to study, sleep, or relax at all times. Excessive noise, including loud music, shouting, or group gatherings that disrupt others, are not allowed.	Noise can travel easily in residence, so students are expected to be mindful of their noise levels 24/7 to support the academic success and personal well-being of students in the community.
<b>1.2: Quiet Hours</b>	Residents must maintain minimal noise during Quiet Hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sunday–Thursday: 11 PM – 8 AM.</li><li>• Friday–Saturday: 12:00 AM – 8:00 AM.</li></ul>	Quiet hours are designed to ensure every student can rely on dedicated times for rest and focus. Respecting this schedule helps create a predictable schedule for students to build their routines around.
<b>1.3: Exam Quiet Hours</b>	During the exam period designated by the University, 24-hour Quiet Hours are in effect, and residents must maintain minimal noise throughout.	Exam Quiet Hours are in place to ensure that students maintain an atmosphere conducive to studying and sleeping throughout the exam period.

### Prohibited Activities

<b>Section</b>	<b>Policy</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<b>2.1: Indoor Physical Activities</b>	Residents are expected not to play sports or engage in physical activities inside residence buildings (e.g., hallway hockey, tossing balls, wrestling, boxing).	These activities can cause injury, disturb others, and damage property.
<b>2.2: Pranks and Practical Jokes</b>	Pranks that create mess, excessive noise, cause harm, or make others feel uncomfortable are not permitted.	While fun is encouraged, it should never come at the cost of someone else's comfort, dignity, or safety. Every resident has the right to feel respected in their living space.
<b>2.3: Inappropriate Business or Gambling</b>	Students must not operate commercial businesses, gambling, or illegal operations from residence.	Residence is intended to be an academic and community space for students, not a place of business.
<b>2.4: Theft or Possession of Stolen Property</b>	Theft, attempted theft, or possession of stolen property is not allowed under any circumstances.	Trust is essential in shared living spaces. These actions harm the sense of security and belonging that residence strives to foster. Theft may result in criminal prosecution.
<b>2.5: Vandalism and Property Damage</b>	Defacing, damaging, or destroying college, university, public or individual/private property will not be tolerated. This includes damage to walls, furniture, or signage (e.g., writing on whiteboards without permission).	Residents have the responsibility to take care of the residence spaces. Residents will be charged for the cost of repairs or cleaning if they damage property. Vandalism and property damage may result in criminal prosecution.
<b>2.6: Tampering with Safety Equipment</b>	Covering or tampering with cameras, peepholes, or other monitoring tools is prohibited.	Safety equipment exists to ensure the safety of all staff and students in our buildings. Tampering with this equipment puts individuals and the broader community at risk.
<b>2.7: Responsible Internet Use</b>	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.	Internet access is a shared resource. Using it responsibly helps maintain network stability and legal compliance.
<b>2.8: Responsible Use of Musical Instruments</b>	Musical instruments may only be played in designated music practice rooms, if available, or other spaces that do not cause a disturbance to the community.	Playing instruments in residence can disrupt Quiet Hours and/or Courtesy Hours by interfering with others' ability to study or rest. Students must be mindful of where and when they choose to play music to avoid disturbing the community.

<b>2.9: Recording and Photography</b>	Videotaping/recording, recording in any form, or photographing residents, staff, or visitors without their consent is prohibited. Posting videos, recordings, or photographs on any website, file-sharing software, or anywhere else without the resident, staff, or residence's permission is not permitted.	Members of the community have a right to reasonable privacy in their living space. Recording or photographing others without their consent can lead to a sense of discomfort and lack of safety.
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## Guests

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>3.1: Access and Keys</b>	Residents must not share, loan, or give their residence key and/or access card to anyone else.	This helps protect everyone's safety by ensuring that only authorized individuals can access residence buildings and rooms.
<b>3.2: Tailgating</b>	Residents must not allow others to follow them into residence buildings without using their own access card.	Preventing unauthorized entry helps keep the residence building secure and the community safe. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Porter's Desk if an unknown individual follows them into a residence building.
<b>3.3: Misuse of ID or Access</b>	Residents must not misuse or falsify student ID cards or access credentials (e.g., using someone else's card to gain access).	Proper identification protects personal and community safety and prevents unauthorized access.
<b>3.4: Guest Registration/Notification</b>	Residents must sign in all overnight guests and external visitors at the Porter's Desk and notify their house's don.	Registration ensures that Residence Life Staff are aware of all visitors in the building, so the community remains safe and secure.
<b>3.5: Guest Compliance</b>	Residents are expected to ensure their guests follow all residence expectations. If a guest is not acting respectfully or safely, hosts should take steps to correct the situation or reach out to the Porter's Desk for support. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests.	Being a host is a privilege that comes with the responsibility of supporting a positive community environment. Hosts are responsible for the actions and behaviour of their guests, including covering the cost of any damage that their guests may cause. Dons are available to help if a situation between a host and a guest becomes uncomfortable or difficult to manage.
<b>3.6: Guest Supervision</b>	Guests must be accompanied at all times by their host.	Having a host present ensures that guests do not misuse the space or disturb others.
<b>3.7: Room Guest Capacity Limits</b>	The total number of people in a residence room or unit at any time must not exceed the capacity. For most dormitory rooms, this is a maximum of four (4) people (including the resident(s)). In triple rooms, the maximum allowance is six (6) people (including the resident(s)).	These limits prevent overcrowding, ensure safety, and protect the comfort of all roommates. Overcapacity can lead to fire code violations and create excessive noise.

<b>3.8: Overnight Guest Limits</b>	<p>Residents are permitted to have overnight guests of any gender at St. Michael's College.</p> <p>*Loretto Residence Only: Male-identifying overnight guests are not permitted at Loretto. Male-identifying guests must leave the building by 12:00AM (midnight).</p> <p>Guests may stay for a maximum of five (5) nights per academic semester of which no more than two may be consecutive. Residents are permitted to host one overnight guest on any given night. This five (5) night limit is tied to the host (not for each individual guest) and is cumulative of all guests.</p> <p>Guests are not permitted to sleep in the common rooms. The house don must be made aware of the presence of overnight guests.</p>	<p>These limits balance occasional hosting privileges while ensuring roommates' comfort and avoiding misuse of residence rooms.</p>
<b>3.9: Guest Restriction Period</b>	<p>No external visitors or overnight guests are allowed during designated times of the year which may include, but are not limited to: Orientation Week, Homecoming, Halloween, and the December/April exam periods.</p>	<p>These times require special focus on academics and/or safety due to increased stress, activity, and building/campus traffic.</p>
<b>3.10: Roommate Permission</b>	<p>Residents must have the permission of all roommate(s) before hosting any visitor or overnight guest.</p>	<p>Shared spaces should be comfortable for everyone. Asking for permission upholds respect and helps avoid conflict.</p>

## Prohibited Items

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>4.1: Weapons</b>	Weapons of any kind, including toy or decorative replicas, are not allowed in residence.	Weapons can create fear or risk of harm, even if they are not functional. This policy ensures that residence remains a safe space for all.
<b>4.2: Explosives</b>	Explosives, fireworks, or other pyrotechnics are strictly prohibited.	These items present severe risks of fire, injury, and property damage.
<b>4.3: Open Flames and Incense</b>	Candles and incense are not allowed in residence, whether lit or unlit.	Open flames are a significant fire hazard, and strong scents can trigger allergies or sensitivities.
<b>4.4: High-Risk Appliances</b>	Halogen lamps, open-coil appliances, unapproved space heaters, humidifiers, air conditioners, and fuel-burning devices are not permitted.	These appliances can overload circuits, overheat, and impact building systems. They also pose a fire-safety risk to the community.
<b>4.5: Cooking Appliances</b>	<p>Electric stoves, hotplates, toaster ovens, air fryers, microwaves and similar heating devices are not permitted in residence.</p> <p>Small appliances such as kettles, coffee makers, and rice cookers, may be stored in residence rooms, but must only be used in designated common rooms. Students are required to be present while using cooking appliances.</p>	Cooking appliances pose serious fire risks in unsupervised or confined spaces. They can also lead to issues with room cleanliness, humidity control, food smells/odours, and pests. Any fire-related damage or fees incurred for calling emergency services will be the responsibility of those cooking.
<b>4.6: Personal Refrigerators</b>	Due to the excessive power they draw, fridges may be no larger than 3.3 cubic feet.	This size limit helps prevent electrical overload by limiting the power demand in student rooms. Larger fridges use more energy and can strain the building's electrical system. Keeping fridges at or below 3.3 cubic feet also supports fairness and ensures appliances fit appropriately within shared living spaces.

<b>4.7: Pets</b>	Residents may not keep pets of any kind, including fish. The only animals that might be permitted in residence are service animals prescribed as necessary for support by a medical professional and pre-approval from the Office of Residences and Student Operations.	Pets can cause allergies, hygiene issues, and disruptions in shared living spaces. Only approved service animals are permitted. Not all residence buildings can accommodate service animals, and requests for accommodation will be vetted and assessed in terms of availability. The intention to bring a service animal to residence must therefore have been communicated to the Office of Residences and Student Operations at the time of application. Acceptance of the animal into residence will also require an additional agreement for animal care.
<b>4.8: Furniture</b>	Residents may not bring personal furniture into residence. Small, lightweight storage items (e.g., shoe racks, plastic drawer units) are not considered furniture and are therefore permitted.	Personal furniture can create fire safety risks, exceed room weight limits, damage floors or walls, and interfere with maintenance and cleaning. The furniture that is provided in each residence unit meets health, fire, and accessibility standards.
<b>4.9: Water Containers</b>	Residents may not bring or use large water-based items such as fish tanks, decorative fountains, or other sizable water containers in residence.	Large water containers can leak, overflow, or spill, which creates risks of mold, electrical hazards, and property damage.

## Facilities

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>5.1: Blocking Access Points</b>	Residents must not block or restrict access to doors, hallways, emergency exits, bathrooms, lounges, or any other space.	Obstructions can delay emergency responses and pose serious safety risks to the community. This includes obstruction by leaving items in hallways and common access points.
<b>5.2: Unauthorized Areas</b>	Residents may not enter restricted or staff-only areas such as rooftops, custodial rooms, and maintenance rooms.	These areas are off limits due to safety risks.
<b>5.3: Furniture Movement</b>	Students must not tamper with or relocate university-provided furniture between rooms or floors.	Furniture is assigned for specific spaces based on fire codes and occupancy needs. Moving it affects the fairness and safety of the community.
<b>5.4: Cleanliness Responsibilities</b>	Residents are expected to clean their own rooms and contribute to shared space cleanliness.	Cleanliness supports hygiene, reduces pest risk, and creates a respectful environment for all residents. Residents will be responsible for any cleaning costs that are required as a result of their actions.
<b>5.5: Ventilation Safety</b>	Vents, radiators, and thermostats must remain uncovered and unobstructed at all times. This includes placing furniture directly against a vent or radiator, hanging items over them, or stacking belongings in a way that blocks airflow.	Blocking airflow can damage heating systems and compromise room temperature regulation.
<b>5.6: Reporting Maintenance Issues</b>	Residents are expected to promptly report any damages, malfunctions, or facility concerns by submitting a work order through the <a href="#">Maintenance Care Online Portal</a> . In the case of a facility emergency (e.g. a flood) residents are expected to promptly call the Porter's Desk.	Reporting issues early helps prevent small problems from becoming bigger ones, ensures shared spaces remain safe and functional, and supports timely repairs for the benefit of everyone in the community.

## Fire Safety

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<b>6.1: Fire Equipment Tampering</b>	Residents must not tamper with smoke detectors, sprinklers, alarm bells, pull stations, fire extinguishers, or other fire safety equipment.	These systems are in place to protect everyone. Disabling or interfering with them puts lives at risk and delays emergency responses.
<b>6.2: Evacuation Requirement</b>	All residents are expected to evacuate the building immediately when a fire alarm sounds.	Prompt evacuation ensures safety and allows emergency services to respond effectively. Staying behind can endanger yourself and others.
<b>6.3: Fire Door Safety</b>	Fire doors must remain closed and unobstructed at all times.	Fire doors are designed to stay closed to help contain smoke and flames in the event of a fire.
<b>6.4: False Alarms</b>	Intentionally setting off a fire alarm without a legitimate reason is strictly prohibited.	False alarms cause panic, waste emergency resources, and disrupt the community. Residents who cause alarms that result in the fire department's unnecessary arrival will be held responsible for any associated charges, including any levied by emergency services.
<b>6.5: Accidental Alarms</b>	Residents should avoid behaviours that can accidentally trigger fire alarms (e.g., burning food, spraying aerosols near detectors, smoking indoors).	Even accidental alarms disrupt the community. Taking care to prevent these helps keep the community safe.

# Alcohol

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>7.1: Alcohol Policy Adherence</b>	Residents must adhere to all articles outlined in the USMC Residence Alcohol and Cannabis Code.	This Code is in place to promote safety, ensure compliance with Ontario law, and support a respectful living environment. Following the Code helps reduce risks associated with substance use and ensures the well-being of all residents.
<b>7.2: Legal Drinking Age</b>	No person under the age of 19 years may possess or consume alcohol anywhere on USMC property.	Ontario law states that only individuals who are 19 years of age or older can consume alcohol.
<b>7.3: Approved Consumption Areas</b>	The consumption of alcohol by persons of legal age in residence is only permitted in individual residence rooms. Consumption in all other places, including common rooms, corridors, foyers, bathrooms, fire escapes, patios, or outside on the USMC grounds, is prohibited.	Ontario law states that alcohol may only be consumed in designated private spaces such as individual residence rooms or specifically approved areas. Under Ontario law, shared spaces in residence buildings (including hallways, stairwells, lounges, study rooms, laundry rooms, and other common areas) are considered public places, and consuming alcohol in these areas is prohibited.
<b>7.4: Distribution</b>	No person who is 19 years or older may provide alcohol either directly or indirectly, to persons who are under 19, or allow underage residents to consume alcohol in their room. Additionally, no alcohol may be sold either directly or indirectly (tickets, memberships, clubs, etc.) on USMC property.	Ontario law strictly prohibits supplying alcohol to individuals under the age of 19, as well as the unlicensed sale of alcohol. These restrictions are in place to reduce the risk of harm, protect student safety, and ensure compliance with legal requirements.
<b>7.5: Alcohol Container Safety</b>	Alcohol must be transported in sealed containers and may not be stored in glass bottles or other easily breakable containers.	Avoiding these types of containers in residence helps reduce injury, avoid spills, or breakage.

<b>7.6: Quantity Limits</b>	Each student may possess a maximum of one 26oz bottle or 24 cans of beer at a time. As a result, items such as kegs of beer (including mini kegs) are prohibited on campus and not allowed in the residence dorms.	This limit is set to ensure the safety of our community members and promote responsible consumption habits.
<b>7.7: Unsafe Drinking Practices</b>	Drinking games that promote the rapid consumption of alcohol are prohibited, as is the use of instruments (e.g. funnels) to maximize or accelerate consumption. All activities that have excessive consumption or intoxication as their focus are prohibited. Even if the games or activities are not played with alcohol, they are still not allowed. Coercing others to consume alcohol is prohibited as is the use of alcohol in any type of initiation ritual.	These practices often pressure others to overconsume and can lead to unsafe situations.
<b>7.8: Public Intoxication</b>	No person may be intoxicated in any public area of the residence or USMC, including common rooms.	This helps maintain a safe and respectful environment for all residents. Public intoxication can lead to harm to oneself, others, or property, and may result in disruptive or unsafe behaviour.

## Smoking & Cannabis

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>8.1: Smoking on Campus</b>	The University of Toronto and USMC are smoke-free campuses. Smoking of any kind, including cannabis, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping etc., are all prohibited on campus. All smoking must take place off USMC property. Residents whose rooms contain evidence of smoking including the smell of smoke, cigarette butts, or ashtrays will be treated as violators.	This aligns with USMC's smoke-free campus policy and protects air quality for all residents, especially those with respiratory concerns. Smoking can also lead to property damage and poses a fire risk to the community.
<b>8.2: Cannabis Policy Adherence</b>	Residents must adhere to all articles outlined in the USMC Residence Alcohol and Cannabis Code. Smoking/vaping/Ingesting cannabis is prohibited everywhere on the SMC campus.	This Code is in place to promote safety, ensure compliance with Ontario law, and support a respectful living environment. Following the Code helps reduce risks associated with substance use and ensures the well-being of all residents.
<b>8.3: Legal Cannabis Age</b>	No person under the age of 19 years may possess or consume cannabis anywhere on USMC property.	Ontario law states that only individuals who are 19 years of age or older can consume cannabis.
<b>8.4: Distribution</b>	No person who is 19 years or older may provide cannabis either directly or indirectly, to persons who are under 19, or allow underage residents to consume cannabis in their room. Additionally, no cannabis may be sold either directly or indirectly (tickets, memberships, clubs, etc.) on USMC property.	Ontario law strictly prohibits supplying cannabis to individuals under the age of 19, as well as the unlicensed sale of cannabis. These restrictions are in place to reduce the risk of harm, protect student safety, and ensure compliance with legal requirements.
<b>8.5: Storage and Transportation</b>	Residents may possess up to 30 grams (i.e., the legal limit) of dried cannabis in their rooms, but it must be stored and transported in a sealed, air-tight, labelled container along with all cannabis paraphernalia.	Proper storage reduces odours, supports responsible handling, and prevents accidental exposure.
<b>8.6: Cooking or Making Edibles</b>	Residents are not permitted to cook or bake cannabis products in residence.	Cannabis cooking may create strong odours, fire risks, and unintentional exposure to others.
<b>8.7: Growing Cannabis</b>	Students may not grow cannabis plants in residence under any circumstances.	Growing cannabis poses risks related to fire safety and community health.

## Other Substances

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>9.1: Illegal Drug Use</b>	The use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs is not permitted.	This helps ensure that residence remains a safe, lawful, and substance-responsible environment for all students.
<b>9.2: Misuse of Medications</b>	Prescription and over-the-counter medications must be used only as directed and not shared with others.	Misuse of medication can lead to serious health risks.
<b>9.3: Drug Paraphernalia</b>	Items associated with drug use (e.g., bongs, grinders, syringes without medical documentation) are not permitted in residence.	These items can present health and safety risks for the community.
<b>9.4: Residual Substances</b>	Students are responsible for ensuring their residence space remains free of strong smells, residue, or other signs of substance use.	Lingering signs of substances can affect others' comfort and safety.

## Move-In/Out

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>10.1: Arrival and Departure Times</b>	Residents must arrive and depart during their assigned move-in and move-out time slots.	Staggered move-in/out times help manage traffic flow, reduce crowding, and ensure a smooth experience for all students.
<b>10.2: Key and Card Return</b>	Residents are responsible for returning all residence keys and access cards when they move out or complete a room change.	Returning keys and cards ensures building security and prevents unauthorized access after departure.
<b>10.3: Final Move-Out Deadline</b>	Residents must leave residence within 48 hours of their last scheduled exam, or by 11:30 AM on the official residence closure date—whichever comes first.	Timely move-out ensures a smooth transition for residence operations and cleaning staff preparing for the next group of students.

## Compliance

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<b>11.1: University Policy Adherence</b>	Residents are expected to uphold all University of Toronto, USMC, and residence-specific policies, protocols and procedures.	U of T and USMC have several policies that are created to ensure a safe, fair, and respectful environment for all members of the University community. Students should familiarize themselves with and abide by these policies.
<b>11.2: Cooperation with Staff</b>	Residents are expected to cooperate and comply with reasonable requests from Residence Life Staff, USMC Security, Campus Safety Services, and other university officials.	Cooperation builds trust, ensures safety, and enables staff to effectively support and respond to students' needs.
<b>11.3: Identification</b>	Residents must present their student ID or identify themselves when asked by staff or university officials for reasonable purposes such as guest registration or documentation.	Identity verification is an important part of community safety, especially during incidents or emergencies.
<b>11.4: Health and Safety</b>	Residents must comply with health and safety protocols, including those related to outbreaks or public health emergencies, such as pandemics.	These measures are designed to protect everyone's health and safety.
<b>11.5: Meeting Requests</b>	The Office of Residences and Student Operations may request a meeting with a resident through their UToronto email. Residents must respond to these requests within 24 hours. Attendance at these meetings are mandatory, and failure to respond to emails or attend scheduled meetings could result in disciplinary sanctions, including loss of guest privileges, probation, or eviction.	Engaging with conduct meetings and outreach is an essential component of the investigative process. This affords residents the opportunity to share their perspectives, learn from their past actions, and allows us to uphold the residence community standards, resulting in a safer community for all residents.
<b>11.6: Sanction Completion</b>	Residents are expected to complete any and all sanctions or follow-ups related to conduct matters.	This reinforces accountability and supports the educational goals of the conduct process.
<b>11.7: Dining Hall Policies</b>	Residents must be familiar with and adhere to all of the articles outlined in the USMC Dining Hall policies and in the SMC Residence Meal Plan Terms and Conditions.	These policies are in place to ensure respectful conduct, maintain health and safety standards, and support a positive dining experience for all residents.

## Respectful Relationships

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<b>12.1: Community Conduct</b>	All residents, staff, and guests must be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of race, gender, religion, ability, or background.	Respectful interactions create an inclusive and welcoming community where everyone can feel safe and valued.
<b>12.2: Bullying/Discrimination</b>	Bullying, harassment, or discrimination of any kind is not tolerated, including on digital platforms.	These behaviours are harmful and prevent others from fully participating in residence life. This policy supports a culture of equity, safety, and inclusion.
<b>12.3: Conflict Management</b>	Residents are expected to take reasonable steps to prevent or de-escalate conflicts when possible. If you're having difficulty navigating a conflict with a roommate, neighbour, or peer, you're encouraged to reach out to your don who can help support conversation and resolution.	Conflict is a normal part of communal living. Taking proactive steps to address it, and knowing when to seek help, contributes to a respectful and safe residence community.
<b>12.4: Community Relations</b>	Any activity or action that may damage the reputation of St. Michael's College or the University of Toronto is not permitted.	This expectation helps maintain a respectful environment and upholds the values and standards of the residence community.

## Room Use

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>13.1: Assigned Room Use</b>	Residents must only live and sleep in the room they have been officially assigned to. Residents assigned to double and triple rooms are only entitled to occupy their assigned side of the room.	This ensures accurate records, fire safety compliance, and proper communication with roommates and staff.
<b>13.2: Hosting While Away</b>	Residents may not allow guests to stay in their room without the host present.	This prevents unregistered stays and supports roommate comfort and expectations.
<b>13.3: Room Changes</b>	All room changes must be approved by the Office of Residences and Student Operations before moving.	Proper approval ensures fairness, safety, and open communication between all roommates and staff. Students receive their bed space assignment when they do room selection.

## Posters & Promotions

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<b>14.1: Posting Permissions</b>	Only posters and flyers approved by the Office of Residences and Student Operations may be displayed in residence buildings.	This ensures materials are appropriate and beneficial to students living in residence.
<b>14.2: Posting Areas</b>	Approved posters may only be placed on approved bulletin boards and not on walls, doors, elevators, or windows.	This maintains the condition of residence property.
<b>14.3: Appropriate Signage</b>	Any posters or other signage displayed anywhere in residence, including in common spaces, must adhere to all policies in the Residence Community Standards, the Residence Agreement, and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities.	This encourages fair use of space and keeps residence buildings clean, inclusive, and free of clutter.

## Room Decorating

Section	Policy	Rationale
<b>15.1: Door Safety</b>	Decorations and posters must not block peepholes, door handles, or wrap around doors.	This ensures proper visibility and safety of students in the community.
<b>15.2: Surface Considerations</b>	Residents must use damage-free sticky pads or 3M Command products to put up decorations. Tape, nails, thumbtacks, LED strips, gel adhesives or any other adhesives that damage paint or surfaces are prohibited. Residents must refrain from putting up wallpaper or painting any surface in their room. Residents will be charged for any damage that is the result of decorating.	Decorating your room is a great way to personalize your space, but your decorations should not cause damage to the residence room.
<b>15.3: Shared Space Decorations</b>	Any decorations in shared spaces, should be discussed and agreed upon by all roommate(s) before being put up. If a new roommate moves in mid-year or after decorations have already been placed, existing roommates should review and, if needed, revisit those decorations in consultation with the new roommate.	Common spaces are shared by everyone in the unit. Agreeing on decorations helps ensure that all roommates feel respected, included, and comfortable in their home. Revisiting shared decorations helps foster an inclusive, respectful living environment where all roommates feel welcome and safe.
<b>15.4: Appropriate Decorations</b>	All decorations, whether in private or shared spaces, must comply with all residence and University policies. This includes complying with fire-safety requirements.	Decorations contribute to the tone and inclusivity of the residence environment. Ensuring they are respectful and inclusive helps create a space where everyone feels safe and valued.
<b>15.5: External Decorations</b>	Residents are not permitted to display, affix, or suspend anything to the exterior of the residence buildings.	Residents may decorate the inside of their rooms, but items placed on the exterior of buildings can pose safety risks, including falling hazards and property damage. This ensures compliance with building and safety standards.