

G. Residence Standards and Regulations

Community living requires the establishment of guidelines by which members of the community may live in mutual respect for one another. Breaches of these guidelines can lead to disciplinary action.

Discipline for the violation of residence guidelines is under the direction of the Residence Managers. Disciplinary sanctions imposed upon residents may include: community service; cash bonds (which are returned to students after a stipulated period of acceptable behaviour); fines; ban orders from residences; or expulsion from residence. Criminal offences may be turned over to police.

A damage deposit of \$250.00 is required of new students upon first coming into residence. This deposit is subject to charges for damages to the University property while students are in residence. Damages attributed to an entire house as well as damages attributed to an individual may be charged against this fee. Damage charges in excess of \$250.00 will be billed to the student responsible for the damage. The unexpended portion will be refunded, upon request, within one year of withdrawal from residence. For all other information please see the St. Thomas University Residence Guide.

ST. THOMAS RESIDENCE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

The following section provides an overview of Residence Standards and Regulations; It does not fully cover all of them in detail. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action. Please note that since not all specific circumstances can be anticipated, some situations may be left to the discretion of the Residence Life Staff.

Absence from University

In the event of a prolonged absence from classes, please notify the Registrar's Office at 452-0530 or registrar@stu.ca. If you will be missing several days of classes due to illness or family emergency, please notify the Registrar's Office. If for some reason you are unable to do this personally, give the message to your Residence Advisor and she or he will pass it along for you.

Access to Student Rooms

If access to another student's room is required by a resident, permission may be granted only by the person assigned to that particular room in the presence of a member of the Residence Life Team.

Alcohol-Free Welcome Week

Residence will be alcohol-free during welcome week. This is to allow all students the opportunity to socialize and participate in activities without the pressure and influence of alcohol. It is hoped that students will come to understand that their university experience involves a need to balance social, recreational and academic needs. Residence Life Team members reserve the right to confiscate any alcohol found during this time. Alcohol will not be returned to individuals under the age of 19.

Alcohol Use in Residence

In the Province of New Brunswick the legal drinking age is 19. Students are responsible for

Open Flame

Burning candles, incense or having any other open flame in residence is not permitted.

Personal Safety

Although personal safety is not a regulation or standard, it is a subject of which all residents should be concerned. The following tips should be regarded as behaviours which need to be adopted:

- Keep your door locked when you are not in your room
- Carry your keys with you at all times
- Keep blinds closed when appropriate
- Walk with a friend
- Do not admit people into your residence when you do not expect to escort them during their entire visit
- Report any suspicious visitors or activities to the Residence Advisor on duty

Pets

Pets are not permitted except non-dangerous tropical fish kept in a small aquarium. Special permission may be granted for service animals.

Quiet Hours

In order to accommodate an appropriate amount of study and sleep time, the residence community has specific quiet hours. During quiet hours, please keep your door closed and TVs and stereos turned down. It is the primary goal of residence to promote an academic community and quiet hours helps us to achieve this goal. Every member of the residence community is expected to work together and help each other to maintain quiet hours.

Weekdays 10:00 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. Weekends 12:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns about the appropriate noise levels, please see your Residence Advisor/Residence CTS representative (909-925-5111) or a member of the Residence Advisor/Residence CTS staff.

Smoke-Free Residences

Our residence community is smoke-free. Smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas outside the residence buildings. Residents are reminded to inform their guests of the smoking policy. Breaches surrounding this policy will result in disciplinary consequences. All smokers are asked to dispose of their cigarette butts in the appropriate disposal containers.

Theft

Thefts in residence can occur and you should take steps to protect your belongings. Keep your door locked when you are not in your room, retrieve your laundry promptly and do not give anyone your bank card, PIN, or Calling Card number. Keep valuables in a safe place and never lend your keys to anyone. Residents found to be engaged in unauthorized taking or appropriating of property from a roommate or from any member of the residence life community are subject to disciplinary action.

Please report any thefts to the Residence Coordinator or to your Residence Advisor immediately.

The University is not responsible for any lost or damaged goods, theft or otherwise, in residence. We strongly recommend you obtain insurance for your property. Ask your parents or guardian to contact their insurance company regarding coverage of your belongings.

Throwing Objects

Throwing, dropping, kicking or knocking objects from or towards residence buildings, windows, balconies or stairwells is prohibited and will result in disciplinary sanctions. Throwing snowballs is also prohibited.

Violence

In accordance with the *Code of Conduct* and the Harassment Policy of St. Thomas University, there is zero-tolerance for written or verbal threats, physical aggression, violence and/or sexual assault. Anyone engaging in such behaviours in residence, on campus or electronically, may be evicted from residence, subject to further disciplinary proceedings and may be referred to police authorities.

Weapons

Firearms, knives, explosives or other weapons are not permitted in residence. This includes weapons for “self-defense” purposes.

Windows/Screens

Hanging objects from the inside or outside of windows is not permitted. Objects may be hung in front of windows only if they do not interfere with the blinds provided by the University. Window screens are not to be removed or opened.

General Residence Norms of Behaviour

- Respect Yourself, Respect Others
- Alcohol is not to be consumed in the hallways
- Respect the house quiet hours
- Keep your keys to yourself instead of lending them to others. Follow the residence's

Eviction

Students can be evicted from residence for conduct-related issues. Examples include, but are not limited to, multiple rule violations, disrespect towards staff, physical violence, vandalism, theft or possession of or involvement with illegal substances. Any recommendation to evict a student from residence must be made by the Manager or Supervisor of Residence Life. The decision on eviction will be made by the Director of Students Services and Residence Life. Eviction does not relieve the student of financial obligations owing to living in residence.