

Prohibited Items & Conditions

Residence Hall Edition

2026-2027

Fire & Electrical Safety

- Candles, incense, and open-flame items
- Fireworks, explosives, and combustible materials
- Gasoline, propane, lighter fluid, or other flammable fuels
- Extension cords without built-in surge protection
- Multi-plug adapters without surge protection
- Halogen lamps
- Space heaters
- Items covering, hanging from, or obstructing smoke detectors or sprinkler heads
- Smoking or vaping inside College buildings
- Blocking/covering vents

Appliances & Cooking

- Hot plates and portable burners
- Toasters and toaster ovens
- Indoor/outdoor grills or griddles
- Appliances with exposed heating elements
- Portable or window air conditioners
- Refrigerators over 4.5 cubic feet
- Waterbeds

Other Prohibited Items

- Weapons or realistic replica weapons
- Unauthorized pets/animals
- Personal Wi-Fi routers

Room Decorations & Safety

- Tapestries, flags, lights, or other items hung from ceilings
- Wall coverings/tapestries covering more than 25% of any wall
- Excessive decorations that create a fire hazard
- Furniture blocking doors, windows, hallways, or other means of egress
- College furniture removed from its assigned room or common area
- Permanent alterations to walls or College furniture
- Excessive trash or other conditions creating a health/safety hazard
- Metal dartboards
- Personal Shower heads

Alcohol & Drugs

- Alcohol or alcohol-related items when prohibited by College policy
- Empty alcohol containers
- Alcohol-branded light-up signs and similar “monuments to alcohol”
- Cannabis, cannabis products, and associated paraphernalia when prohibited by College policy



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