



Nichols College

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## Office of Residence Life/Hall Policies

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### Nichols College Residence Life Mission:

*We strive to create a vibrant, inclusive residential community experience that fosters intrinsic leadership, personal growth, and appreciation and respect for all.*

*To support its mission, Residence Life*

- *Creates a safe and welcoming environment*
- *Offers opportunities and resources for student success*
- *Provides programming and events to support the overall well-being and holistic development of our students*
- *Cultivates and maintains a caring, competent, diverse and well-trained staff*

Students residing in the Nichols College residence halls are held by the policies and procedures of the Student Code of Conduct as well as the terms and conditions of the Housing License Agreement. **Possible Student Code of Conduct Violations are listed at the end of each section in this policy. These violation lists are not exhaustive, and the Offices of Community Standards and Residence Life reserve the right to apply violations not listed. A list of potential outcomes/sanctions can be found at the end of this policy.**

### Access to the Residence Halls

For the safety and security of all individuals living in the residence halls, all halls are locked 24 hours a day by a computer-controlled card-entry system. Access is granted by a personal identification card that is programmed to only open the building the student is assigned to. All resident students have access to the lobbies of the Copper Beeches only in order to access vending machines and Becker Market.

The loss or theft of a Nichols College Student ID is considered a security risk, as anyone who finds it is then able to access buildings. Lost ID cards must be reported to the Residence Life Staff or Public Safety immediately. For the safety of all campus community members, a lost ID will always result in a new ID print. Lost or stolen IDs will be replaced for a \$25.00 charge billed directly to the Student's Account. Students can obtain replacement IDs by visiting the Public Safety Office in the basement of the Daniels Auditorium. If the ID is reported lost/stolen after Public Safety Office hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am-11:30pm), then a temporary ID will be given to the student from the Office of Public Safety.

Failure to report a lost/stolen ID will result in a referral to the Office of Community Standards for the following including, but not limited to:

**9.i. Failure to report a lost/stolen key or identification card**

Any student who provides another individual with their identification card will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for: **9.h. Providing a Nichols College issued key and/or identification card to another individual**

Students found to be in possession of a Nichols College ID of another individual will be referred for violating the Student Code of Conduct, specifically:

**14.h. Possession and/or use of false identification**

Individuals who prop doors to the residence hall open jeopardize security. An alarm will sound at the door and at Public Safety if one of the outside doors is kept open for longer than is reasonable for entry.

**16.j. Propping a door to a residence hall**

## ADA/Special Housing Accommodations

In compliance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1971 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Nichols students who are requesting accommodations of any kind must first be registered with the Director of Health Services or the Director of Advising Services. All information received regarding requests for an accommodation is confidential. First year students are requested to have all of the information completed and submitted the Health Services or the Advising Office by the determined deadline for that academic year. Currently enrolled students seeking housing for the next academic year must fulfill all of these requirements and submit all paperwork by the determined deadline for that academic year. Incoming first year/transfer residents must fulfill all of the requirement and submit all paperwork by the determined deadline for that academic year. Every effort will be made to accommodate late applicants. Accommodations are provided for the student with the disability, not for a group including the student with a disability. The determination that the request for accommodations qualifies will be made by the Office of Residence Life in conjunction with the Director of Advising and the Director of Health Services. A Request for Accommodations Form must be obtained by emailing Residence Life at [reslife@nichols.edu](mailto:reslife@nichols.edu). It must be completed in full and the supporting documentation must be in writing from an appropriate provider (physician, psychologist, psychiatrist, etc.) who is not a relative. All documentation must clearly support the need for the requested accommodation(s). Responses, in written form will be sent once a decision has been made.

## Alcohol within the Residence Halls

Residents living within the residence halls must abide by the Nichols College Alcohol Policy. Alcohol is allowed only in rooms if the entire room/suite/apartment of assigned residents and guests are of legal drinking age (21 years of age or older). The possession of hard liquor is prohibited regardless of age. Consumption of any alcoholic beverage or open container of alcohol, in common areas by any student or guest is prohibited. Please refer to the Nichols

College Alcohol Policy for further explanation and sanctions. Any alcoholic beverages that are in violation of the Nichols College Alcohol Policy will be disposed of, regardless of ownership or origin.

The possession of tables that are used in a manner or that have the sole purpose of drinking games will be confiscated and disposed of regardless of the age of the owner. This distinction is at the discretion of Nichols College Administrators and Staff. Games and activities in which the sole purpose/origin is to promote heavy alcohol consumption or the possession and/or use of items that encourage heavy alcohol consumption are prohibited, regardless of age. An example of a means to mass consumption includes, but is not limited to beer funnels, water/beer pong etc. **3.l. Drinking games/means to mass consumption**

The storing of empty alcohol containers is not permitted and must be properly disposed of immediately. **16.p. Storing empty alcohol containers**

The use of alcohol paraphernalia, boxes, parts of boxes, or containers as decorations is not permitted regardless of age. These items may be confiscated and disposed of: **16.g. Monuments to alcohol**

## **Animals/Pets**

Fish are the only pets allowed in student rooms. There is a 10-gallon limitation on tank size. All other animals are not allowed in residence halls. Repeat violations could result in removal from housing. **16.a. Animals/pets in residence halls**

## **Cleaning Services**

Eagle Cleaning is responsible for the normal cleaning and upkeep of common areas of the residence halls. Any excessive mess is the responsibility of the involved parties. In the event that Eagle Cleaning is called to clean an excessive mess, a charge to the residents of the building will be assessed.

## **Damage**

Damage occurring in a residence hall will be repaired by Facilities Management. In the event that the student who is responsible for the damage cannot be identified, the cost of repair will be assessed to the building, floor or group of residents (at the discretion of Residence Life) and divided by the number of residents. The destruction of property is not tolerated. Individuals will be referred to the Office of Community Standards and face the following possible violations including, but not limited to:

**4.a. Causing water or fire damage to college property**

**4.b. Causing physical damage to the buildings or furnishings of the College**

**4.c. Misuse, destruction, or defacement of Nichols property**

- 4.d. Misuse, destruction, defacement of library material or other academic material**
- 4.e. Misuse, destruction, or defacement of another's property**
- 4.f. Littering**
- 4.g. Tampering with and/or removing windows or screens**

#### **Damage to resident room/suite/ apartment**

Damage to College owned property and/or furniture is not permitted. If damage to College owned property and/or furniture is found the student(s) will be charged for the repair and/or replacement of the item. In addition, the student(s) may be relocated while repairs are addressed by Facilities Management. Continual damage will result in a referral for violating the Student Code of Conduct and could result in sanctions ranging from permanent Housing Relocation to Removal from Housing.

#### **Damage to personal property**

The College will make every reasonable effort to protect the personal property of residents, but will not be liable for articles lost, stolen, or damaged by fire, water, heat, and/or other natural disasters. (STUDENTS SHOULD RECORD THE MAKE, MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBERS OF IMPORTANT ITEMS, CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE TO COVER LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY, OR THE EXTENSION OF PARENTS' INSURANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE.) Nichols College will not be responsible for damages due to power surges caused by individual room overloads or otherwise. Students must provide their own U.L. approved fuse-type multi-plug surge protector.

#### **Disruptive behavior**

Disruptive behavior is defined as any action that causes substantial interference or disruption of the College Community or Operations. The following are not permitted in the residence halls and could result in a referral to the Office of Community Standards.

- 6.a. Behaving obscenely and/or indecent exposure in public**
- 6.b. Disorderly conduct**
- 6.c. Direct interference with a College Official or designated agent in the performance of their official duties**
- 6.d. Exceeding occupancy levels**
- 6.e. Disruptive gatherings/unauthorized party**
- 6.f. Inappropriate behavior**
- 6.g. Unauthorized demonstration**
- 6.h. Disrupting the flow or movement of others**
- 6.i. Substantial disruption of authorized activities**
- 14.j. Conduct unbecoming of a Nichols College student**
- 16.n. Significant interference with the normal residential life of others**

## Drugs

The use, possession, and/or distribution of any drugs including but not limited to barbiturates, narcotics, marijuana, or any other controlled substance is strictly prohibited under Federal Laws and thus are against College policy. All prescription drugs must be accompanied by a prescription or in a properly labeled bottle. The use and/or possession of any paraphernalia that is reasonably believed by staff to be used for drug use is prohibited. Any item found by staff will be confiscated and destroyed. Refer to the Nichols College Drug Policy for further explanations, violations, and sanctions.

## Emergency Contact & Missing Person Contact

Any student residing in the residence halls must supply the Office of Student Life with the correct and accurate contact information for one individual who can be contacted in the event of an emergency and one individual who can be contacted in the event the student is considered a missing person. Both contacts must be kept updated and current with the Office of Student Life. (See Missing Persons for more information)

## Fire Safety in the Residence Halls

The safety of the entire building community relies heavily on residents themselves to abide by the policies set forth through the Student Code of Conduct and this Residence Life Policy. The following is not an exhaustive list for prohibitions.

### **The Use of Open Flames is Not Permitted:**

- Arson
- Any source of an open flame
- Blowtorches
- Candles
- Incense

### **The Following Hazardous Appliances are Not Permitted:**

- Air conditioners (including portable air conditioners)
- **Air Fryers**
- Any open element appliance (Toaster Ovens/Toasters/Panini Presses)\*allowed in the Copper Beeches ONLY
- Barbeque Grills
- **Electric Kettles**
- Fireworks, Explosives Components, Chemicals, Gas, Compressed Air
- Halogen Lamps/Lava Lamps
- **Hot Plates**
- **Instant Pots (only permitted in Copper Beech I and Copper Beech II apartments, with max of one per apartment and under 700 watts)**
- Microwaves over 800 watts (max of one microwave per room)

- Non-UL Listed Appliances, non-UL listed surge protectors
- Oversized fridges (max of two fridges equaling no more than 6 cubic feet per room)
- Humidifier/Dehumidifier over 5 gallons
- Space heaters

**The following unsafe hazards/actions are Not permitted:**

- Causing the malicious evacuation of a building
- Excessive decorations (tapestries, posters, or wall coverings (not more than 25% of each wall in a room may be covered)
- Improper disposal of lighted smoking devices
- Operationally compromising fire sprinkler systems by the presence of tape, hanging materials or items
- Overloaded electrical outlets, power strips, extension cords
- Refusal to evacuate a building during a fire alarm
- Smoking/vaping in buildings and/or within 25 feet of a building. This includes the use of e-cigarettes, hookahs, and vaping paraphernalia
- Tampering or covering smoke detectors
- Tampering with fire safety equipment or alarms
- Anything hanging from/attached to the ceiling or light fixtures including, but not limited to tapestries or decorations

Individuals partaking or possessing in any the above will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for the following possible violations, including, but not limited to:

**4.a. Causing water or fire damage to college property**

**9.a. Arson**

**9.b. Causing the evacuation of a building**

**9.c. Unauthorized use or possession of explosive components, chemicals, etc., such as fireworks, explosives, gas or compressed air**

**9.d. Tampering with, improper use, or causing malfunction of fire/safety equipment or alarm systems**

**9.e. Creation of a fire hazard or other dangerous conditions**

**9.f. Smoking/vaping in buildings, including residence halls and/or smoking/vaping within 25 feet of any College-owned building**

**9.j. Failure to evacuate during a fire alarm**

**16.i. Possession of prohibited items/materials**

**16.r. Violation of Nichols College health/safety regulations**

## Guests

Nichols College affords its resident students the opportunity to have guests on campus and the privilege to allow guests in a room/suite/apartment as long as the roommate's right to access, privacy and freedom to study and sleep free from disturbance are respected. A guest is defined as an individual who is not currently enrolled as a Nichols College Student. All guests must be

registered utilizing the online registration form found at:

[https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?NicholsCollege&layout\\_id=8](https://publicdocs.maxient.com/reportingform.php?NicholsCollege&layout_id=8)

Each Student Host is responsible for the conduct of their guest, and will be subject to a referral for any violations of the Student Code of Conduct. Guests are expected to comply with all Nichols College policies. Failure to obtain a Guest Pass will result in removal from campus for the Visiting Guest and a violation of the Student Code of Conduct for the Student Host. Guests are not permitted to stay more than 2 consecutive nights at Nichols College within a 7 day period, and no more than 5 nights per calendar month. Refer to the Nichols College Guest Policy for the full terms of the policy. Individuals found to be in violation of the Guest Policy will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for: **10.a. Violating any terms of the Nichols College Guest Policy**

## Hall Sports

Due to possible injury to a bystander or damage to the facilities hall sports of any kind are not permitted. This includes the use of sports equipment or engaging in contact activities. The use of rollerblades, skateboards, bikes, or scooters is prohibited within the residence halls. Students engaging in this behavior are subject to referral.

**16.e. Hall Sports and/or 18. Skateboarding and Bicycling**

## Health and Safety Inspections

Residents are responsible for the cleanliness of their respective rooms/suites/apartments. Safety is of the utmost importance to the Office of Residence Life and each resident has a responsibility to assist in the safety of their assigned space. Health and Safety Inspections will be completed every 4-5 weeks by the Office of Residence Life staff to ensure that living conditions meet community standards. Students are not required to be present for the Health and Safety Inspections. Students will be given 48 hours notice of the date and timeframe of the inspections.

Upon completion of the inspection, the room/suite/apartment will receive a receipt of the findings of the inspections. If a room/suite/apartment receives a notice that they FAILED the inspection, the Office of Residence Life staff will give the student(s) 24 hours to rectify the situation and will return to re-inspect.

If upon re-inspection the issue is not resolved the student(s) will be charged \$50 and be referred to the Office of Community Standards for the following possible violations, including but not limited to:

**16.r Violation of Nichols College health/safety regulations**

**8.a Failure to comply with or attempts to circumvent a sanction(s) imposed by a College Official**

**8.b Failure to respond to the directive of a College Official or designated agent or interference with said directive**

**16.t. Failure to comply with a Health and Safety Directive**

In the event that during inspection, a room is found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct or the Housing License Agreement, the residents of the room will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for violating the Student Code of Conduct. If any prohibited items are found during the inspection, the items will be confiscated and potentially disposed of by Residence Life Staff.

If damage to College owned property and/or furniture is found during a Health and Safety Inspection, the student(s) will be charged for the repair and/or replacement of the item. In addition, the student(s) may be relocated while repairs are addressed by Facilities Management. Continual failure of Health and Safety Inspections will result in a referral for violating the Student Code of Conduct habitually and could result in sanctions ranging from permanent Housing Relocation to Removal from Housing.

## Holiday Decorations

As a matter of safety, no live greenery or wreaths are permitted anywhere in the residence halls. Under no circumstance should decorations be attached or suspended from fire safety devices or equipment, or from the ceiling. Only UL listed string lights are permitted. No artificial tree or greenery greater than 3ft. is permitted in the residence halls. **Note: residents of the Copper Beeches may have an artificial tree up to 6ft tall. Lighted trees and string lights must be UL rated.**

## Keys

Resident students are issued keys based upon their housing assignment. Under no circumstance should a resident give their issued key to another individual. Any student who provides another individual with their room key/s will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for: **9.h. Providing a Nichols College issued key and/or identification card to another individual**

The loss or theft of a College-issued key is considered a security risk. Therefore, lost keys must be reported to Public Safety or Residence Life Staff immediately. For the safety of all campus community members, a lost key will always result in a lock change. The student whose key has been lost/stolen will be responsible for any charges accrued during core changes. Failure to report a lost/stolen key will result in a referral to the Office of Community Standards for the following including, but not limited to:

**9.i. Failure to report a lost/stolen key or identification card**

## Billing Charges

The residential student initial cost for lock changes is as follows:

**Shamie/Olsen/South/North/Center/Budleigh/Winston- \$43.00**

**Remillard/Kuppenheimer- \$100.00**

**Copper Beech 4 Person Apartment- \$104.00**



### **Copper Beech 6 Person Apartment- \$106.00**

*\*\*Note additional charges may occur based on circumstance, ie. time of day, condition of lock, etc. \*\**

Immediately after the lock change has been completed a member of the Residence Life Staff will contact the student and roommates to pick up their new key, charges will be placed on a student's account on a monthly basis. The resident of the room/suite/apartment who lost the key will be billed and is responsible for all related charges.

### **Lofts**

The use of lofted beds constructed by residents is not permitted. Cinderblocks are prohibited. Only College-issued lofts are allowed.

### **Lock-outs**

Students must keep their doors locked at all times. Students who are locked out of their room should contact their Resident Assistant, Public Safety or a member of the Professional Staff Area Coordinator-AC and request assistance. During the hours when Resident Assistants are on duty, (Sunday –Thursday 9pm-12am, Friday-Saturday 9pm-1am) Public Safety will attempt to contact a Resident Assistant (RA) and request assistance for the student. *The RA will verify the identity of the requesting student and unlock the student's assigned room. During hours when Residence Life is not on duty or unreachable, Public Safety will provide access. In all cases Public Safety and Residence Life Staff will record the student's name, ID, key code, date and time of the request so an accurate count can be maintained.*

The lock out charges will be applied to the student's billing account at the end of each month. See below for the billing structure for Lock-out Charges per academic year:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lock Out-** No Charge; student must produce key to Residence Life or Public Safety Staff
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lock Out-** No Charge; student must produce key to Residence Life or Public Safety Staff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lock Out-** \$25 Charge; student must produce key to Residence Life or Public Safety Staff
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lock Out-** \$50 Charge; student must produce key to Residence Life or Public Safety Staff
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lock Out-** \$75 Charge; student must produce key to Residence Life or Public Safety Staff, student will face a Student Code of Conduct Violation for excessive lockouts.

After the 5<sup>th</sup> Lock out for the academic year, the charge will continue to rise by \$25. Please note once the first two "free/no charge" lockouts are used in an academic year, these will NOT be repeated. For example, the 6<sup>th</sup> lockout will be a fee of \$100 as well as possible violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Excessive Lockouts (defined as 5 lockouts or more) will result in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. **16.d. Excessive Lockouts**

Excessive lockouts is defined as 5 lockouts or more within an academic year. Students found responsible for excessive lockouts are subject to sanctions ranging from Written Warning to Deferred Removal from Housing.

## Missing Persons

Per the Missing Person Policy of the Higher Education Act all students are required to fill out an up-to-date missing person contact of their choosing with the Office of Student Life. Students must provide this information via the online check-in process available on the Nichols College Housing Portal. The College will use this information in cases where a person is reported missing. Once a person is reported missing, their missing person contact will be notified within the first twenty-four (24) hours. All Missing Person Reports that are made to the Department of Public Safety will be investigated in conjunction with the local Police Department. See Missing Person Protocol Policy for more information.

## Noise/Quiet Hours

Residence halls should be reasonably quiet at all times and Courtesy Hours are in effect twenty-four (24) hours a day. Quiet hours are specified times when residents are expected to keep noise to a minimum and are in effect **Sunday-Thursday 11pm-9am** and **Friday-Saturday 1am-10am**. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to enforce or change quiet hours. Students are encouraged to address any noise that may be disruptive. Air horns/megaphones are not allowed. Students unable to abide by the Quiet Hours Policy will be referred for **16.h.**

### Noise/Quiet Hours Violation

## Occupancy/Disruptive Gatherings

Residents are welcome to host guests into their rooms in adherence with the Nichols College Guest Policy. However, for safety concerns, the Office of Residence Life limits the number of individuals allowed in a room/suite/apartment. The max number of occupants allowed is double the occupancy of the room plus one. For example, a double room is allowed to have three guests. Additional occupants is viewed as disruptive and the residents of the room will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for the following, including, but not limited to: **6.e. Disruptive gatherings/unauthorized party** and **6.d. Exceeding occupancy levels**

## Openings/Closings

Failure to follow the procedures for checking out of rooms during the closings of the residence halls will result in the referral of the student for violating the Student Code of Conduct specifically the violation of **16.f. Improper checkout**. A fine of \$100.00 will be assessed to a student's account.

## Early Arrivals/Late Departures

Any student arriving before or after the official move-in/out dates and times without prior written permission from the Office of Residence Life will be subject to a \$50 per day charge assessed to the student's account. The student will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for violating the following including, but not limited to:

**8.b Failure to respond to the directive of a College Official or designated agent or interference with said directive**

**16.c. Early/unauthorized arrival and/or entry to residence hall**

Students permitted to reside on campus during closing periods are required to sign and abide by the Early Arrival/Departure Housing Agreement.

## Prohibited Items

Any items that violate the Student Code of Conduct or the Housing License Agreement may be confiscated. The following list is not exhaustive, and this Residence Life Policy may contain other items throughout. The student will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for the violation of: **16.i. Possession of prohibited items/materials**

Air conditioners (including portable air conditioners)

Air Fryers

Additional Door Locks

Animals

Antennas/satellites

Barbeque Grills

Bars

Blowtorches

Candles (regardless of burnt wick)

Car batteries

Ceiling fans

Chemicals

Compressed Air

Electric Kettles/Skillets

Explosives Components

Firearms/weapons

Fireworks

Gas

Halogen Lamps/bulbs

Humidifier/De-Humidifier (greater than 5 gallons)

Holiday Decorations (No live greenery or artificial greenery over 3 ft or 6ft in CBs.)

Hot Plates

Hoverboards/Electronic Scooters

Instant Pots over 700 watts (only permitted in Copper Beech I and Copper Beech II apartments, with max of one per apartment)

Kegeators

Lava Lamps

LED Strip Lights

Lofts (except those provided)

Mattresses

Megaphones/air horns

Metal Darts and Boards

Microwaves over 800 watts (max of one per room)

Non-UL Listed Appliances

Non-UL listed surge protectors

Pong Tables-tables utilized for drinking games

Oil Lamps

Open element appliance (Toaster

Ovens/Toasters) \*except in CBs

Oversized fridges (no more than 5 cubic feet per room, max of two fridges)

Routers

Shot Glasses

Space heaters

Waterbed

## Residential Lounges

All lounge furnishings/items are to remain in the designated lounge space at all times. Residents found with lounge furniture/items in their room will be directed to remove the item and referred to the Office of Community Standards for the following, but not limited to:

**16.k. Relocating lounge furniture/items to individual room**

**16.l. Removal of College owned property from residence hall**

**19.i. Possession of College Property**

## Right of Privacy

Students are guaranteed the reasonable privacy of their room and belongings. However, under specific guidelines rooms may be entered and inspected by Nichols College officials. These guidelines include, but are not limited to, cases of emergency, need for repairs, health and safety inspections, and when reasonable suspicion exists to indicate that a violation of College policies, Federal, State or local laws may be taking place in the room.

## Roofs

No student is permitted on the roofs, balconies, ledges or overhangs of the residence halls at any time. Students who do not abide by this will be referred to the Office of Community Standards. Residents of the room, through which access is gained, may be held liable. For the following including but not limited to: **9.g. Getting on roofs**

## Room Alterations

Occupants are not allowed to paint, alter, or remodel any furnishings or student room/public area in the residence hall. The use of nails and screws is strictly prohibited. Damage charges will be assessed to the residents concerned. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to relocate residents for the duration of the repair to the room and to refer for Student Conduct violations.

## Room Changes

A student wishing to change rooms should first discuss the matter with the Resident Assistant or Area Coordinator. Room change requests are only approved by the Director of Residence Life or their designee. Students who move without authorization or move prior to obtaining permission will be referred to the Office of Community Standards and will result in sanctions.

**16.q. Unauthorized room change**

## Room Furnishings

Each resident student is furnished with a bed, desk, wardrobe, wastebasket and recycling bin. All furniture must remain in the original student's room. The College will not remove any furniture from a student's room. Students are responsible for all furniture issued to them at the beginning of the Fall/Spring semester. Students **must not** bring any furniture off campus that is the property of Nichols College. College furnishings may not be removed from students' rooms nor moved from one hall to another. No furniture/items from lounges may be moved to students' rooms. Penalties for moving such furnishings may include fines and/or student conduct proceedings. Upon moving in, each student is required to sign a room inventory form indicating receipt of the room key and conditions of room and furnishings. Students terminating residency must clear their departure with Residence Life / Area Coordinator before checking out. Upon checkout, the occupant(s) of the room will be charged if inspection by College staff reveals damage or uncleanliness beyond normal wear to the room and/or its furnishings. At any time, if individual responsibility for damage, loss, or defacement cannot be determined, charges may be assessed equally to floor residents for damage to their floor facilities or to all hall residents for damage to hall facilities.

**Personal property left behind by residents following checkout and contract termination is considered abandoned.** The resident shall be charged for any costs incurred by moving or removing property from their room, floor, hall or college property/parking lots.

1. Vandalism /Property Damage: Theft of, damage to, misuse of, or unauthorized possession of property of the College, other public property, or personal property of another could result in dismissal from the residence halls. All damages, vandalism either purposefully or through negligence, will be charged to the student(s) involved.
2. Repairs: **RESIDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO MAKE THEIR OWN REPAIRS OR TO INSTALL FIXTURES, WHICH INCLUDES MOUNTED WALL BRACKETS FOR TELEVISIONS.**

Any large/heavy/difficult to move items remaining in the room after student check-out that were not originally supplied by the College will be removed and the student(s) will be charged a minimum of \$100.00. Other items left behind will constitute as excessive trash, be disposed of, and the student(s) charged \$100.00. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to donate or dispose of personal items left behind.

## Room Vacancies/Consolidation

Residents who find that there is an unoccupied space in their assigned Residence Hall room, must leave the space and furniture unoccupied and free from belongings. At any time, The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to fill any vacancy in a Resident Room. Throughout the semester, the Office of Residence Life will instate the Consolidation Policy resulting in residents without roommates being administratively moved together. Residents given the directive to prepare empty spaces in their assigned room or make a housing relocation, must do so by any deadline given.

The Office of Residence Life will refer students to the Office of Community Standards for failure to comply with a request to prepare for a roommate. Any behavior that dissuades or intimidates other students from moving into a room will not be tolerated and will result in a referral.

### **Sexual Misconduct**

Rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse, whether committed by a stranger, friend, or steady/casual dating partner, are criminal offenses subject to prosecution under the law. (Please see the Nichols College Sexual Misconduct Policy in the Student Code of Conduct for complete policy guidelines.)

### **Solicitation/Illegal Posting**

Nichols College does not authorize the use of its property or resources to support commercial/personal financial gain. Door to door solicitation is not permitted without the prior approval of the Director of Residence Life or designee. Student Code of Conduct violation: **16.o. Solicitation and/ or illegal posting in the residence halls**

### **Subletting/Unauthorized Assignment**

The term "subletting" means that an individual allows another individual to "rent" or "overtake" a Housing Contract. **This is strictly prohibited.** Only those students who have signed the Housing License Agreement and have been assigned to housing by the Office of Residence Life may reside therein. Students may not "sublet" rooms/spaces, nor may a student permit any other unauthorized occupancy of residence hall or apartment spaces. Individuals found to be allowing an unauthorized individual to reside in any space not assigned by the Office of Residence Life will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for: **16.k. Allowing an individual to reside in any Residence Hall space that has not been assigned by the Office of Residence Life**  
**10.a. Violating any terms of the Nichols College Guest Policy**

### **Telephones**

All residence halls are equipped with a telephone in a common location for local and emergency calls.

### **Trash Rooms/Locations of Trash and Recycle Bins**

Large bins are located throughout the residence halls for both recycle and trash needs. These bins are the property of Nichols College Facilities Management and are to remain in the designated locations and not in personal student rooms. Violators will be assessed a fee and referred to the Office of Community Standards.

## Weapons and Firearms

Weapons prohibited on campus include but are not limited to firearms, ammunition, knives over 8 inches in length, BB, air-soft or pellet guns, bows, arrows, slingshots, paintball guns, machetes, pepper spray (mace), nun chucks, throwing stars, or taser/stun guns of any voltage. Toy weapons, including NERF, and those that look like real weapons are similarly prohibited. Individuals in possession of any of these items will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for the following, including but not limited to:

**22.a Possession and/or use of a firearm**

**22.c. Possession and/or use of a non-firearm weapon**

## Windows

Screens and windows are not to be removed and no item is to be thrown from a window. The use of windows for entering or exiting rooms is strictly forbidden. Violations will be referred to the Office of Community Standards.

**9.i. Use of windows as entrances or exits to a building**

**16.d. Disposal of items out of windows**

## Wireless Internet Connection

Each residence hall is equipped with wireless connection to the internet. The use of personal routers is not allowed. Should a student experience trouble with the internet, the Nichols College Help desk can be reached at 508-213-2206. Use of the Campus network is subject to the terms set forth in the Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources Policy.

## Possible Violations/Sanctions

### 16. Residence Life Policy

**a. Animals/pets in residence halls**

Fish are the only pets allowed in student rooms. There is a 10-gallon limitation on tank size. All other pets are not allowed in residence halls. Repeat violations could result in dismissal.

**b. Disposal of items out of windows**

**c. Early/unauthorized arrival and/or entry to residence hall**

**d. Excessive Lockouts**

**e. Hall sports**

Due to possible injury to a bystander or damage to the facilities hall sports of any kind are not permitted

**f. Improper checkout (see section T of the Housing License Agreement)**

**g. Monuments to alcohol**

The use of alcohol, paraphernalia, boxes, or containers as decorations

- h. Noise/Quiet Hours Violation**
- i. Possession of prohibited items/materials**
- j. Propping a door to a residence hall**
- k. Allowing an individual to reside in any Residence Hall space that has not been assigned by the Office of Residence Life**
- l. Removal of college owned property from residence hall**
- m. Room alterations**
- n. Significant interference with the normal residential life of others**
- o. Solicitation and/or illegal posting in the residence halls**
- p. Storing empty alcohol containers**  
Storing of empty alcohol bottles or cans is not permitted and must be disposed of immediately and properly.
- q. Unauthorized room change**
- r. Violation of Nichols College health/safety regulations**
- s. Violation of any other items identified in the "Residence Life Housing License Agreement"**
- t. Failure to comply with a Health and Safety Directive**

Students found responsible for the above-mentioned Residence Life Policy violations are subject to the following sanctions:

Student Status Sanctions: Written Warning to Suspension from Nichols College

Housing Sanctions: Deferred Removal from Housing to Permanent Loss of Housing

Restriction Sanctions: Weekend Suspension  
No Trespass from Residence Halls  
Social Restriction

Punitive Sanctions: Fine  
Restitution

Parent/Guardian Notification: If a student is placed on a Deferred Removal from Housing, a parent/guardian notification is automatically included as a sanction.