

**2018-2019**

***Fraternity/Sorority***  
**Opening Book**

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# Important Policies to Know

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- **Air conditioners:** 6 air conditioners were installed by Lehigh University and will remain in the windows for the full academic year. Students are not permitted to install additional A/C units. Students cannot remove or relocate AC units.
- **Candles and Incense:** Candles and incense are prohibited in the buildings.
- **Decorations:** Decorations must be removable and nonflammable. Nails or brackets are not permitted. Any damage to walls and surfaces is the responsibility of the resident.
- **Door Closers:** Door closers must remain intact and connected to the doors. It is a life safety violation to tamper with the automatic door closers.
- **Lofts:** Loft guidelines and the online loft waiver can be obtained at <https://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/loft-guidelines>. A waiver must be submitted prior to building a loft. It is the resident's responsibility to construct lofts to the specifications set forth by the Office of Residential Services. When a university bed is lofted or bunked, it must be equipped with a bed rail for safety purposes.
- **Over-the-door Hangers:** Over-the-door hangers are not permitted because they may prevent the doors from closing and latching completely and may damage the door.
- **Painting:** The painting of individual bedrooms is not permitted. Occupants in current rooms with paint must complete a paint waiver.
- **Smoking:** Smoking, vaping, juuling, and use of E-Cigarettes in any building on campus is prohibited. You are allowed to smoke 15 feet away from any door or window.

If you have any other questions about policies regarding the fraternity and sorority houses please visit the [General Provisions for Student Occupancy](#) on the housing website.

We have included copy of this document on pages 7-15 in this booklet.

## Room Condition

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### When you first move into your room...

1. Your room is assumed to be in good condition after the completion of summer maintenance and cleaning. Carefully check your room for any maintenance needs or significant damage to the room condition that you do not want to be held liable for.
2. For basic maintenance needs that can be immediately addressed (e.g. a burned out light bulb), submit an [online work request](#).
3. For more significant concerns with room condition which will be present throughout the year (e.g. a burn mark in the carpet) and for which you do not want to be considered responsible in end-of-year damage assessment and billing, submit a [report of the condition](#). Such items **must be submitted** by the tenth day of classes.

## **Lehigh University Office of Housing Services**

In conjunction with the Office of Student Conduct and Dean of Students, the Office of Housing Services is taking a more active role in enforcing lease and General Provisions for Student Occupancy (GPO) contract violations.

In an effort to better educate residents of our system, we want to inform all students living on campus in residence halls, fraternities, and sororities of the judicial and monetary consequences of a violation of a lease or contractual agreement.

Although the Office of Housing Services will be assessing the fines for violations (see below), the Office of Student Conduct will still maintain all judicial records and oversee all judicial actions. Many violations have more serious consequences and, therefore, a higher punitive penalty due to the risk of endangering health and life safety. The monetary fines of these violations have been reviewed and authorized by the Office of Student Conduct and the Office of Housing Services.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation concerning these policies. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your contract/lease or the information provided in this notice, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Housing Services at 610-758-3500.

Ozzie Breiner  
Director of Housing Services

Katy Kresge  
Associate Director of Housing Services

# Lease and GPO Contract Violations

## *Pertaining to All Campus Residents*

All University fines are independent of any law enforcement fines.

### Violations of General Provisions for Student Occupancy

First Offense	\$ 25.00
Second Offense	\$ 50.00
Third Offense	\$ 75.00

### ***Safety and Security***

#### Lockouts

First Offense	Free
Second Offense	\$ 30.00
Third and Each Additional Offense (Judicial Referral)	\$ 65.00

### ***Health & Life Safety***

#### Candles and Incense

First Offense (warning)	\$ 300.00
Second Offense (warning)	\$ 500.00
Third Offense (probation)	\$ 750.00

Combustible Materials (gasoline; kerosene; chemicals; lighter fluid; paint thinner) \$ 300.00

Fire Drill - Failure to leave building \$300.00

#### Fire Equipment

First Offense (warning)	\$ 500.00
Second Offense (probation/possible removal from housing)	\$ 1,000.00
Third Offense	Removal from Housing

#### Smoke Detector and Suppression Equipment

First Offense (warning)	\$ 500.00
Second Offense (probation/possible removal from housing)	\$ 1,000.00
Third Offense	Removal from Housing

#### Smoking Policy

First Offense (warning)	\$300.00
Second Offense (warning)	\$500.00
Third Offense (probation)	\$750.0

## Contact Information

IDEAL Office  
M-F, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
610-758-6175

Housing Services  
M-F, 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
610-758-3500  
[inhouse@lehigh.edu](mailto:inhouse@lehigh.edu)

Facilities Services  
M-F, 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
610-758-3940  
610-758-3941

Technology Services  
M-F, 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
610-758-5463

LTS  
M-F, 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
610-758-HELP

Lehigh University Police LUPD  
321 East Packer Avenue  
610-758-4200

## Problem

## Who to Call

Cable	Housing Services
Cleaning Concerns	Housing Services
Emergency Maintenance	
Business Hours (M-F, 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)	Facilities Services
After Hours	University Police 610-758-4200
Extermination	Housing Services (contractor services provided on Wednesdays & Thursdays)
ID Card	
Lost/Missing (M-F, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)	IDEAL Office
Lost/Missing (after hours)	<a href="https://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/lost-or-stolen-id-cards">https://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/lost-or-stolen-id-cards</a>
New Access	Housing Services
Not Working	IDEAL Office
Stolen	<a href="https://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/lost-or-stolen-id-cards">https://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/lost-or-stolen-id-cards</a> file police report with LUPD
Furniture	Housing Services
Internet	LTS
Keys	
Locked Out – anytime	Find your roommate, House Manager, or President
Locked Out - Business Hours (M-F, 7:00 am– 5:00.p.m.)	IDEAL Office
Locked Out - After Hours	LUPD
Lost	IDEAL Office
Laundry (if university owned)	
GoldPlus not working	IDEAL Office
Machine not working	<a href="https://lehigh.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9SoknSYy0Pm8d5r">https://lehigh.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9SoknSYy0Pm8d5r</a>
Maintenance	Facilities Services
Telephone line problems	Technology Services

**GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR OCCUPANCY for 2018-2019**  
**FRATERNITY/SORORITY HOUSING**  
**Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**

The following **General Provisions for Occupancy (“GPO”)**, in conjunction with the **University Conduct System, as described in the Student Handbook**, safeguard the rights of all residents and clearly set forth Lehigh University’s expectations for all residents occupying University Fraternity/Sorority Housing. By signing the Housing Contract (the “Contract”), to which this is attached, you (the “Occupant”) are binding yourself not only to the terms and conditions of the Contract, but also to the terms and conditions of this GPO, as well as any and all University Policies and Procedures applicable to the Occupant’s status at the University (e.g., Students – Student Handbook) referenced in either of these documents.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Occupant agrees to abide by all Lehigh University, federal, state, and municipal laws, regulations, and ordinances, including, but not limited to any and all University Policies and Procedures applicable to the Occupant’s status at the University (e.g., Students – Student Handbook: <http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/handbook>) and those found in the Contract.
2. The University reserves the right to enforce any restriction or regulation necessary for the maintenance of its property or the general welfare of residents. Violation of said restrictions or regulations or may subject the Occupant and his/her guests to fines, disciplinary action, and/or termination of the Contract.
3. The GPO is subject to change as deemed necessary by the University.
4. This GPO and the Contract, each of which are incorporated herein by reference, constitute the entire agreement between the University and the Occupant with regard to the subject matter hereof, and shall not be amended, altered, or changed, except by a written agreement signed by the parties hereto.

**OCCUPANCY TERM**

Rooms in Fraternity/Sorority Housing are rented on an annual basis only. Unless otherwise indicated in the Contract, Occupant shall rent his/her room or apartment for one academic year from the first day of class until the last day of finals. The Occupant is expected to reside in the Fraternity/Sorority House contracted for by the Occupant (the “House”) for the full Occupancy Term of the Contract.

**GENERAL TERMS OF CONTRACT**

1. **ADJUSTMENT OF PAYMENT:** No adjustment of payment or other changes shall be made to a Contract for inconvenience or discomfort arising from the making of repairs, renovations, improvements to the Fraternity/Sorority House, or for facility-related problems (see also Section 20 of this GPO relating to events of Force Majeure).
2. **BREAK HOUSING:** Fraternity/Sorority Houses may not be occupied during vacation periods unless specific approval is given by both the Office of Housing Services and the Alumni House Corporation. Temporary accommodations may be provided on a limited basis.
3. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT BY OCCUPANT:** In order to terminate the Contract, an Occupant must obtain permission from the occupied Fraternity/Sorority House Leadership and send a petition to the Office of Housing Services requesting termination. If the University agrees to terminate the Contract and the cancellation results in the Fraternity/Sorority House occupancy level dropping below 100%, the Occupant will be assessed a Contract Termination Fee, the amount of which will be based on the date the petition for cancellation is filed. See the fee schedule in the Student Handbook: <http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/financial-responsibilities>.
4. **ELIGIBILITY FOR RESIDENCE:** Occupant shall be a registered full-time Lehigh University student. Rooms may not be occupied by anyone not currently enrolled at the University except under the signed sponsorship of an appropriate administrative or faculty representative and the approval of the Office of Residential Services. Occupant shall make written notification to the Office of Housing Services if the

Occupant's relationship to Lehigh University changes. Such notification shall be made within ten (10) days of the change in status.

5. **EMERGENCY PROTOCOL:** The University has in place an emergency evacuation protocol designed to provide for resident safety and security in a time of crisis. In the event of an emergency, Occupant and any family members, roommates, and other guests in the apartment must comply with the University's emergency evacuation protocol and any other directions from the University (including, but not limited to, mandatory evacuation from the residence). If evacuation or other protective action becomes necessary, the University will advise Occupants of such action and, where practicable, will make reasonable efforts to accommodate Occupants in its response to the emergency.
6. **GUESTS:** Occupants may not house guests for more than three (3) consecutive days without written permission from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs. Occupant is responsible for communicating all University policies and regulations to his/her guests. Guests may not infringe upon the rights of other Occupants in the Fraternity/Sorority House, particularly the rights of the Occupant's roommate(s). Occupants will be held responsible at all times for his/her own conduct, as well as the conduct of Occupant's guest(s).
7. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Occupant shall indemnify and hold harmless LEHIGH UNIVERSITY and its trustees, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, resulting from injury, including death to persons or damage to property, and against any fines, penalties, or charges levied by any government or government authority, and any expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, related thereto, as a result of Occupant's use and/or occupancy of a Fraternity/Sorority House or from any breach of any of the covenants and agreements of the Contract including without limitation, this GPO, any violation of the Lehigh University Social Policy or any laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, except to the extent arising solely from the negligent or intentional wrongful act or omission of Lehigh University or its trustees, officers, employees, and agents.
8. **OCCUPANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR INFORMATION:** Occupant is responsible for knowing the content of all materials published and distributed by the Offices of Housing Services and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs and abiding by all information contained therein.
9. **MOVE IN:** No one may occupy rooms or apartments in Fraternity/Sorority Houses prior to the day preceding registration unless approved in advance by the Office of Residential Services.
10. **MOVE OUT:** Occupants must vacate and remove all personal belongings from their rooms or apartments within twenty-four (24) hours following their last scheduled examination and no later than the scheduled final closing. Occupant is expected to follow established closing and/or check-out procedures published by the Office of Housing Services and/or Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.
11. **REASSIGNMENT:** The University reserves the right to reassign the Occupant(s) of a room or apartment when the University determines, in its sole discretion that such a reassignment is in the best interest of the Fraternity/Sorority House and/or the University. If the Occupant is in a multi-occupancy room, the University reserves the right to reassign and change his/her roommate(s). The Occupant will be held responsible for any change in housing rate(s) caused by reassignment.
12. **REFUNDS:** Policies and Procedures pertaining to Refunds and Deposits and Fraternity/Sorority Housing Room and Board charges can be found in the Student Handbook at <http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/financial-responsibilities> (see also Section 20 of this GPO relating to events of Force Majeure).
13. **RIGHT OF ENTRY/SEARCH AND SEIZURE POLICY FOR UNIVERSITY HOUSING:** Authorized University personnel reserve the right to enter any room or apartment at any time for the purpose of routine maintenance, inspections, repairs, to perform housekeeping functions, to inspect the condition of the building, to inspect for fire and health hazards, to verify room occupancy, to remove personal property, equipment, placards, signs, fixtures, alternations, or additions to the room/house that are in violation of the provisions of this Contract; and to respond to emergency/crisis situations. The House leadership is responsible for reporting violations of University Policy and Procedures to the University Police and/or appropriate University officials.



In addition, authorized University personnel may enter and search an apartment or room when there is cause to believe that a violation of University regulations is being or has been committed. University regulations include, but are not limited to, University Fraternity and Sorority Housing policies, provisions of the Contract (including this GPO) and any and all University Policies and Procedures applicable to the Occupant's status at the University (e.g., Students – Student Handbook). "Cause" means a suspicion that would lead a reasonable person to believe that another person is committing or has committed an act in violation of University regulations. An example of sufficient cause is the smell of burning marijuana coming from a room. Authorized University personnel include: full-time members of the Housing Services staff (excluding clerical personnel); and Lehigh University Police.

This provision shall not limit the right of the University Police to enter any apartment or room in the performance of statutory duties and in accordance with legally defined procedures governing search and seizure when there is probable cause to believe that a violation of state or federal law is being or has been committed.

14. **ROOM CHANGES:** Occupants are not permitted to exchange rooms or substitute one occupant for another without prior written approval from the Office of Housing Services and the House leadership. Occupants must consult the House Manager in their living area to obtain the procedures for changing rooms.
15. **ROOM OCCUPANCY CHARGE:** Occupant shall pay to the University the sum determined by the University for room occupancy in accordance with the Bursar's policy as outlined in the Student Handbook (Financial Responsibility): <http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/financial-responsibilities>.
16. **SUB-LEASING:** Sub-leasing of apartments or rooms is prohibited.
17. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** The University reserves the right to terminate the Contract and take possession of an apartment or room when:
  - a. The University, in its sole discretion, determines that misconduct or a violation of Fraternity/Sorority Housing regulations, or any University Policies and Procedures applicable to the Occupant's status at the University (e.g., Students – Student Handbook), warrants such termination;
  - b. The University, in its sole discretion, determines that such a termination is in the best interest of the University;
  - c. The Occupant's relationship with Lehigh University changes such that the Occupant is no longer eligible for University housing;
  - d. The Occupant fails to make any payment required by this Contract or vacates the premises;
  - e. The Occupant's course load falls below the full-time credit requirement.

Refunds are permissible in certain circumstances. The refund schedule and policies are available in the Student Handbook at <http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/financial-responsibilities> (see also Section 20 of this GPO relating to events of Force Majeure).

18. **VACANT SPACES:** The University, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to utilize vacant spaces however it deems necessary. Vacant spaces in rooms or apartments that are not filled to capacity must be kept clear so the space is available to a new occupant at any time. Occupants will receive prior notification of such a placement when possible.
19. **WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY:** Occupants who withdraw, are suspended, expelled, or are otherwise dismissed from the University are required to remove their belongings from their room or apartment and return all access cards and keys to the Office of Housing Services within forty-eight (48) hours from the effective date of the withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, or dismissal.
20. **FORCE MAJEURE:** The University shall not be liable or financially responsible (i.e., will not issue refunds) for any delay or failure to perform its duties under this Contract for reasons that are beyond the University's control, including, but not limited to, Acts of God or Nature, extreme weather, fire, earthquake, flood, natural disaster, strikes, work stoppages or other labor disturbances, riots or civil commotions, litigation, war, acts of terrorism, plague, epidemic or pandemic, utility malfunctions, and loss of electricity or power.

## CONDITIONS OF OCCUPANCY

Appropriate conduct, as outlined by any and all University Policies and Procedures applicable to the Occupant's status at the University (e.g., Students – Student Handbook) and the policies contained or referenced herein, is expected of all individuals living in University Fraternity/Sorority Houses, including the Occupant and Occupant's guest(s), especially when it pertains to another's legitimate use of a residential area for sleep, study or privacy. Behavior that infringes on the rights of other residents is prohibited and may result in relocation and/or disciplinary action. Occupant must respond to all official University directives or requests. Occupant is advised to acquaint him or herself with the more detailed regulations covering this topic in the Student Handbook.

1. **ALCOHOL:** Alcohol is only permitted in an individual student bedroom where one or more of the Occupants are at least 21 years of age. If any Occupant is under the legal drinking age of 21, the Occupant(s) of legal drinking age are permitted to possess alcohol but cannot provide it to anyone under the age of 21. Rooms occupied by residents who are all under the legal drinking age are considered "dry rooms" and no alcohol is permitted regardless of the age of guests. In addition, Occupants are prohibited from displaying alcohol containers of any kind (empty or full) if the Occupants are not at least 21 years of age. Drinking games and all drinking paraphernalia, as addressed in the University's Social Policy, are prohibited in all areas of Fraternity/Sorority Houses, including rooms, apartments, and common areas.
2. **CLEANLINESS:** Occupant is expected to keep all areas of buildings, especially kitchens, bathrooms, lounges and corridors, in satisfactory condition. Rooms are not to be used for permanent or temporary storage of miscellaneous personal items or furniture inappropriate for normal occupancy. Apartments and rooms must be returned to their original condition at the end of each occupancy term. Special cleaning required due to Occupant's carelessness will be billed to the Occupant(s).
3. **COMMON AREA POLICIES**
  - a. **BATHROOMS:** Bathrooms in Fraternity/Sorority Housing are designated by gender and should be used accordingly. Some houses have selected to have gender neutral bathroom in common areas as well.
  - b. **COOKING:** Common kitchens are designated for use by all residents. The cooking guidelines must be followed.
  - c. **EXTERIOR DECORATIONS:** Exterior decorations are prohibited unless approved by the Office of Residential Services. The Occupant shall not shake, clean, or hang any items from the windows, curtain rods, ledges, or roofs of the building, or place items on the window ledges.
  - d. **FIREPLACES:** Occupants must not leave lit fireplaces unattended at any time. Fireplace screens must be used at all times when the fireplace is in use.
  - e. **FURNITURE:** The Fraternity/Sorority House will furnish and maintain the common area of the House. Interior furniture which is taken outside must be returned to the House immediately following use. All furnishings and window covers must be fire retardant and meet all fire and building codes.
  - f. **HOUSE PROJECTS:** Occupants may not make any changes to common areas without first completing a *House Project Request Form* and obtaining approval from the Office of Residential Services.
  - g. **PAINTING:** Occupants may not paint the common areas without first completing a *House Project Request Form* and obtaining approval from the Office of Residential Services.
  - h. **SLEEPING:** Sleeping in lounges or any other common area is prohibited.
  - i. **STAIRWELLS, EXITS, HALLWAYS:** Stairwells, corridors, landings, exits, and hallways must remain free and clear of all debris and objects at all times. The University reserves the right to remove and dispose of any such obstruction without liability for doing so.
4. **CUSTODIAL SERVICE:** Custodial service is provided only for common areas. The University may discipline an Occupant who interferes with custodial service. Occupants will be disciplined in accordance with the University Policies and Procedures applicable to the Occupant's status at the University (e.g., Students – Student Handbook). Occupant is responsible for cleaning his/her individual

apartment or room. Special cleaning of the common areas or of an Occupant's individual apartment or room that is required due to an Occupant's carelessness will be billed to the Occupant.

5. **KITCHENS:** The Occupants of Fraternity/Sorority Houses will maintain and clean the commercial kitchen and equipment in the House and its contents and must meet all health, fire, and occupancy code requirements. Occupants shall properly dispose of kitchen grease with a grease removal company. Occupants shall not light open fires, leave outdoor grills that are in use unattended, use outdoor grills closer than 20 feet to any building, or commit any other act which would increase the risk of fire on the premises.
6. **NOISE/QUIET HOURS:** Loud music and disruptive noise infringes upon the rights of others to study, to sleep or to carry on necessary duties and functions at the University. For these reasons, quiet hours are observed in all Fraternity/Sorority Houses. Quiet hours are from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Sunday night through Friday morning and from 2:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Congregating in the hallways such that it impairs another Occupant's ability to study or sleep is not permitted during quiet hours. During final exam periods, quiet hours will be in effect 24 hours a day beginning at 1:00 a.m. following the last day of class each semester. Outside of the designated quiet hours, Occupant is expected to respond to reasonable requests from other residents to reduce noise if it is infringing upon others. Stereo speakers and/or amplification devices shall not be placed in windows with sound directed outside. At any and all times, musical instruments are not permitted to be played in a manner that infringes upon another Occupant's ability to study or sleep.
7. **PETS:** A Fraternity/Sorority House may have one (1) dog or cat mascot per house, which must be properly registered with both Housing Services and the Lehigh University Police Department. No other animals, with the exception of non-predatory fish in properly maintained aquariums of 10 gallons or less (aquariums must have noise-free compressors for the filters), are permitted.
8. **POSTING NOTICES:** Bulletin boards are available throughout Fraternity/Sorority Houses for posting notices. The posting of notices on anything other than provided bulletin boards (e.g., door areas, walls, or other undesignated areas) is strictly prohibited. All postings must be pre-approved and distributed through the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Affairs.
9. **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:** The University and Office of Housing Services prohibits the following in residential areas: vandalism; cutting wood; playing with fire; chemical experimentation; sports (e.g., hall hockey, soccer, Frisbee throwing, darts/dart boards, etc.); the cooking and preparation of food, except in designated areas; excessive noise; the washing or repairing of motor vehicles; excessive horseplay; water fights; possession and use of outdoor play equipment (including but not limited to slides, swimming pools, Jacuzzis, and hot tubs); snowball fights; dropping, throwing or shooting of objects from windows; shaking, cleaning, or hanging any articles from windows, ledges, or roofs; disposal of trash or garbage anywhere on or about the premises, except at designated collection points; the use, possession or sale of drugs and illegal substances; possession of drug paraphernalia; theft of services (e.g., telephone, television cable service, and computer related services).
10. **RECYCLING:** Pennsylvania law requires the University to recycle. As a campus resident and a member of the Lehigh University community, each Occupant is expected to abide by any and all established recycling guidelines, available at <https://sustainability.lehigh.edu/>
11. **RESTRICTED AREAS:** Occupant is prohibited from accessing and entering restricted areas such as roofs, mechanical equipment rooms, buildings closed for vacation, etc.
12. **ROOM POLICIES**
  - a. **BUNK BEDS:** Occupants choosing to bunk their University beds must do so using University issued bunking pins. Bunking pins and bed rails are available upon request.
  - b. **BED RAIL(S):** All University bunk beds and lofts constructed by Lehigh University staff include a bed rail for safety purposes. Bed rails are available upon request to students that choose to bunk their University issued beds throughout the year. Failure to request or use provided bedrail(s) is done so at your own risk.
  - c. **BED RISERS:** Beds may only be lifted off the ground by bed risers. Cement/cinder blocks, crates, etc. are prohibited. The stacking of bed risers, one on top of the other, is also prohibited.
  - d. **DECORATIONS:** Decorations must be of a non-permanent and noncombustible nature that will not damage paint or finished surfaces in the room. The Occupant shall not drive any nails or

screws into the woodwork, walls, or ceilings of his/her room and shall be responsible for any damage caused by items affixed thereto. Painter's tape and removable mounting tape are the only adhesives permitted for hanging decorations. Regardless of the adhesive used, the Occupant will be responsible for any damage caused to the room. As stated in fire code regulations, no material or posters may be affixed from the ceiling, pipes, light fixtures, or overhead at any time. The hanging of cloth material or tapestries may not cover more than 50% of each wall nor can they be hung on a wall above a bed. Curtains which enclose a bed are not permitted. In buildings with sprinkler systems, decorations may be further limited by fire safety regulations.

- e. **DOOR HANGERS:** Items that hang over the top of the room door are prohibited. These items impair the ability of the door to close and latch properly, thus creating a security concern.
- f. **FURNITURE:** All furniture placed in a room must remain in the Fraternity/Sorority House. Furniture cannot be placed in hallways, bathrooms, stairwells, or corridors. Furniture may not be stored in common areas or outside. Furniture cannot be placed in any way that prevents doors and windows from properly functioning. Furniture may be rearranged within a room in accordance with its designed purposes.
- g. **LOFTS:** Prior to constructing or using a loft in any University building, Occupants must (1) obtain a copy of the *Loft Safety Guidelines and Sample Construction Specifications* from the Office of Residential Services, and (2) sign and return a *Student Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk* form to the Office of Residential Services.
- h. **PAINTING:** The painting of rooms in Fraternity/Sorority Housing is prohibited. All rooms with paint differing in color from the initial move in color will be professionally painted after the academic year, the cost of which will be charged to the Occupants of the room.
- i. **REPAIR/RENOVATION:** Repair or renovation of a room by any Occupant or external source is not permitted without the express written approval of the Office of Residential Services. Examples include, but are not limited to, the installation of ceiling fans and rewiring of room electrical outlets. The University or its authorized agents shall make all repairs to the building or equipment on the House and surrounding grounds that it determines are necessary at such time or times as it may determine. If repairs to the House or equipment on the premises are required, Occupant(s) shall be responsible for reporting the need therefore to the Facilities Services Office or an office designated thereby. If kitchen equipment becomes inoperable for any reason, the University shall not be responsible to the Occupant for the cost of meals during the repair period. If repairs, renovations, painting, or other work is required because of the carelessness, negligence, or fault of the Occupant or House guests, or because of any breach of the conditions of the Contract, the Occupant shall pay all costs and expenses of such work and also the cost of repairing or replacing any personal property of any other resident or guest on the premises which may be damaged by reason of the carelessness, negligence, or fault of the Occupant or guests, or by reason of any breach by the Occupant or any of the conditions of the Contract. All costs and expenses may, at the option of the University, be paid by the University and recovered from the Occupant in the same manner as fees due and in arrears.

13. **WATERBEDS:** Waterbeds are prohibited.

14. **SMOKING POLICY:** Occupants must comply and cooperate with the University Smoking Policy. Occupants must comply and cooperate with the University Smoking Policy ([https://www.lehigh.edu/~policy/documents/nonsmoking\\_policy\\_rev\\_09-08-1.pdf](https://www.lehigh.edu/~policy/documents/nonsmoking_policy_rev_09-08-1.pdf)). The carrying, smoking, burning, inhaling, or exhaling of any kind of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, herbs, or other lighted smoking equipment is prohibited. This also includes products containing or delivering nicotine intended or expected for human consumption, (including but not limited to, electronic cigarettes, chewing tobacco and snuff) or any part of such a product, unless it has been approved or otherwise certified for legal sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration for tobacco use cessation or other medical purposes and is being marketed and sold solely for that approved purpose. Smoking is permitted on residential grounds, provided it occurs fifteen (15) feet from any building entrance and away from windows of residential facilities.

15. **SNOW REMOVAL:** The Occupant will cooperate with snow removal efforts in parking areas by removing vehicles from, on, or about the parking areas for a reasonable period of time when requested by the University.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

1. **EXTENSION CORDS and POWER STRIPS:** All extension cords used must be heavy duty (15 amps), UL approved, and plugged directly into an outlet. Power and extension cords may not be used to plug-in kitchen appliances.
2. **EXTERIOR, FIRE, SECTION, AND ROOM DOORS:** Exterior, section and fire doors are to remain closed at all times, with exterior doors locked 24-hours a day. Occupants of the section will be held responsible when doors are blocked or propped open. A door will be considered propped if there is any physical obstruction (e.g., tape, stones, cardboard, and trash cans) that prevents it from closing and/or locking. Apartment/room doors have been equipped with self-closing door hinges to meet fire code regulations. Dismantling or removing self-closing door hinges is prohibited.
3. **FIRE DRILLS/ALARMS:** When a fire alarm sounds, Occupant shall vacate the building and cooperate fully with University officials, including during fire drills, which will be held at regular intervals.
4. **FIRE EQUIPMENT:** Fire equipment is to be used only as necessary in the case of fire. Any use or misuse of fire equipment must be reported to the Office of Housing Services immediately. Tampering with fire bells, horns, alarms, extinguishers, extinguisher covers, exit signs, evacuation instruction signs, smoke detectors, and other equipment is prohibited. In buildings with sprinkler systems, no items may be hung, wrapped, taped, or otherwise affixed to sprinkler pipes or the sprinkler head. No item in the room may be positioned in such a way as to block the lateral dispersal of water should the sprinkler head be activated. The sprinkler head, if wall mounted, will have no items on the same wall higher than 18 inches below the sprinkler head. This does not include relatively flat items (pictures, posters, etc.) but does include shelving and any objects that may be on the shelving, as well as electrical cords, lights, etc.
5. **FLAMMABLE MATERIALS:** Flammable items including candles, candles and wax warmers, wax melts, self-start charcoal, chemicals, combustible engines (regardless of their state of dismantlement), gasoline, incense, lighter fluid, non-electric lanterns and live trees are prohibited.
6. **IDENTIFICATION CARDS:** University ID Cards will only operate the card reader doors in the area(s) to which the Occupant has been authorized to access. Attempts to use a card in area(s) other than those authorized will be monitored and may subject the Occupant to disciplinary action. Possession or use of an ID Card or key issued to another Occupant is prohibited and could subject the offending Occupants to disciplinary action. For additional ID Card policies and procedures please refer to the Student Handbook.
7. **KEYS:** Keys may not be duplicated. All keys must be issued through the Offices of Housing Services or Access Control. Key(s) issued to an individual may not be given to anyone who is not an Occupant of a particular room, apartment, or building. All persons involved in such a transaction will be subject to disciplinary action. For additional key policies and procedures, please refer to the Student Handbook.
8. **PROHIBITED APPLIANCES:** Only certain appliances are permitted (e.g., blenders, hot air popcorn poppers, Single serve Pod coffee makers). All other appliances, including but not limited to the following are specifically prohibited in Fraternity/Sorority houses except in house kitchens; broilers, coffee makers, deep fryers, electric fry pans, grills/griddles, hot plates, hot pots, microwave ovens, refrigerators exceeding 4.6 cu. ft., rice cookers, toasters, and toaster ovens. In other residence areas, the "MicroFridge"<sup>™</sup> is the only microwave unit acceptable. The University reserves the right to determine the potential danger of electrical appliances described in this section and to confiscate any such items.
9. **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** Only certain electrical items are permitted (e.g., clocks, curling irons, electric shavers, fans, hair dryers, irons with automatic shutoff, stereos, and electric toothbrushes). The following items are specifically prohibited in Residence Halls except in areas designated by the University: air conditioners (unless approved and installed by the University), exterior antennas, electric blankets, boats, halogen lamps, Hoverboards, laundry dryers, outdoor clotheslines, outdoor fences, portable heating units, power tools, satellite dishes, smoke machines, sun lamps, trailers, and washing machines. Firearms, fireworks, ammunition, air guns, paint ball guns, spring type weapons, slingshots, martial arts weaponry, explosives, and switchblade or hunting knives are also prohibited. The University

reserves the right to confiscate the items described in this section and to fine policy violators. The University also reserves the right to determine the potential danger of prohibited items described in this section and to confiscate any such items. The possession or use of any potentially dangerous item or material is strictly forbidden.

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10. **SALES, SOLICITATION, AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES:** No commercial enterprise or door-to-door solicitations may be conducted in University housing. The presence of any promoter, vendor, or unauthorized visitor should be promptly reported to a staff member from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs.
11. **SECURITY:** An Occupant should not take any action that compromises the safety and security of themselves, other Occupants, or living areas. Occupants must not remove screens. Room doors should be locked whenever Occupants leave the room. Occupants will be fined if their room door is found to be left unlocked on a continuous basis.
12. **SECURITY SCREENS:** Security screens are to remain closed and locked at all times.

## **PROPERTY**

1. **ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL (“ACM”):** The Occupant acknowledges that there may be asbestos containing material in some areas of the House. The University will make available to the chapter its survey showing the location and condition of ACM in such areas. The Occupant agrees to notify the University immediately if any ACM is damaged or disturbed or if any damage is discovered. The Occupant will immediately cease any activity that might result in further damage to or disturbing of ACM. The University will arrange for any necessary remediation.
2. **ASSESSMENT FOR DAMAGE:** Occupant will be held responsible for any damage or theft related to his/her apartment or room or any other part of the Fraternity/Sorority House and its equipment including, but not limited to, furniture, telephones, vending machines, and washers and dryers.
3. **DAMAGE TO OR DESTRUCTION OF PREMISES:** If the premises or any part thereof is destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, or taken by eminent domain, this Contract may be terminated by the University if it determines that the premises have been rendered unusable. If the Contract is not terminated, a proportionate reduction in room occupancy charge, determined by the University, in its sole discretion, shall be allowed until the premises are restored by the University to usable condition. The University will only allow such a reduction in the room occupancy charge if the damage occurred through no fault of the Occupant(s).
4. **INVENTORY:** Every Occupant, upon entering the Fraternity/Sorority House or changing to a new room or apartment, is required to complete and submit to the Office of Housing Services a *Room Condition and Inventory Form*. The *Room Condition and Inventory Form* is an opportunity for the Occupant to personally assess the condition of his/her room and its contents. This form will be referred to in matters concerning room repair and individual damage assessment. House leadership shall assist Housing Services in maintaining any necessary inventory system(s) for the premises including but not limited to keys, room condition, furniture and equipment.
5. **OCCUPANT PROPERTY:**
  - a. **RESPONSIBILITY:** Neither the University, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents, nor the Fraternity/Sorority House alumni, their officers, directors, employees, and agents shall be responsible for loss or damage from any cause to the personal property of Occupants. The Occupant shall insure any property that he/she brings onto the chapter house premises against the risk of loss or damage.
  - b. **REMAINING PROPERTY:** Property remaining in Occupant rooms upon termination of this Contract becomes the immediate property of the University. All personal property must be removed from the Fraternity/Sorority House during the summer break. The Occupant shall pay any charges or expenses incurred by the University in the disposal of such property. Property

remaining in common areas or at building exteriors can be confiscated immediately and becomes the property of Lehigh University after ten (10) days.

- c. **OCCUPANT WAIVER OF SUBROGATION:** The Occupant shall and hereby does waive any right of subrogation which the Occupant or any of the Occupant's insurers may have against the University and its representatives, agents or employees due to loss or damage from any cause whatsoever to Occupant's personal property.

#### **DINING SERVICE REGULATIONS**

1. **CHANGES:** Requests for change of meal plans within the requirements of the living area should be submitted to the Housing Services within the first ten (10) days of class. After the first ten (10) days of class, students must petition the Office of Student Auxiliary Services for all meal plan changes.
2. **ID/DINING CARDS:** The exchange of ID/Dining Cards, or the use of any card by anyone other than the student to whom it is issued, is prohibited and will result in the confiscation of misused card.
3. **REFUNDS:** For regulations governing meal plan refunds, please refer to the Student Handbook located on the web at <http://studentaffairs.lehigh.edu/content/financial-responsibilities>.
4. **SALES, SOLICITATION, AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES:** Students may not conduct any commercial enterprises or solicitation in the Dining Facilities. Students are required to promptly report to Dining Services the presence of any promoter, vendor, or unauthorized visitor.
5. **SPECIAL REQUESTS:** Special meal plan requests and considerations throughout the year should be directed to the Office of Student Auxiliary Services.
6. **THEFT:** The removal of food or equipment (dishes, glassware, silverware, salt and pepper shakers, trays, etc.) from dining areas is prohibited.
7. **UNAUTHORIZED ENTRANCE:** Unauthorized entrance into the dining halls is prohibited.