

## BEHAVIORAL CONTRACT

Department of Residential Life

These lists are not all-inclusive but are designed to give students some general ideas of what significant behaviors are not acceptable as a Plymouth State University student, on or off campus.

### Violations That Will Likely Result in Suspension and May Result in Immediate (Interim) Suspension (See Suspension-Interim in Judicial System section of Student Handbook)

- ❖ Sale or evidence of intent to sell illegal drugs, including marijuana.
- ❖ Possession or evidence of use of illegal drugs, other than marijuana.
- ❖ Illegal sale of alcohol.
- ❖ Maliciously causing or attempting to cause a fire
- ❖ Maliciously causing a false fire alarm.
- ❖ The commission and conspiracy to commit hate crime related activities.
- ❖ Assaultive actions causing significant harm to others.
- ❖ Assault or attempted assault with a deadly weapon.
- ❖ Assault upon a police officer, faculty member, or staff member.
- ❖ Unprovoked assault upon another person.
- ❖ Instigating or attempting to instigate a riot.

### Violations That Will Likely Lead To Relocation or Removal from University Housing

- ❖ Presence of a keg or other large common source of alcohol in University Housing.
- ❖ Intentional damage or destruction of University or Residential Life property.
- ❖ Use of fireworks within University Housing or adjacent property.
- ❖ Throwing or dropping potentially dangerous objects from or at University property.
- ❖ Disabling of Fire Safety Equipment.

I realize that a single violation of any of these policies may result in the sanctions indicated. I understand that these are standard sanctions and may be added to or altered depending on the situation. By signing this contract, I agree to recognize and abide by the rules and regulations contained in this document.

Welcome to the University Apartments. We hope you enjoy your stay and that you have a great year. In addition to all information outlined in your University Apartments and student handbooks and Residential Life lease, you are responsible for the guidelines listed below.

**NO PETS** - No pets living in OR visiting the apartments. They are not allowed inside the apartments. Anyone found in violation of this policy will be assessed up to a \$50.00 charge and immediate removal of the pet. Only fish in a 10-gallon or smaller tank are allowed.

**NO PUBLIC DRINKING** - No consumption of alcoholic beverages outside of your apartment. This includes the porch and landing areas. Public possession is a violation of university policy and town ordinance. Judicial action will result.

**NO DARTBOARDS** - Damage from dartboard use can be very costly to repair. The residents of an apartment found in violation of this policy will be billed for any damage that occurs plus up to a \$50.00 charge.

**NOISE** - Any noise in the apartment is expected to stay in the apartment. At no time should any of your neighbors or the community be bothered.

**GUEST POLICY** – All guests must abide by university policies and are the host's responsibility. Guests are not allowed to stay extended periods of time (in most cases not more than 48 hours unless approved and registered). Anyone allowing individuals to stay in their apartment without being registered will be held financially and/or judicially responsible. Any time you have a guest coming; please discuss the situation with your roommate(s) to avoid any problems or misunderstandings.

**DAMAGE** - Any damage that occurs to your apartment during your stay will be billed to your university account. This includes improper check out (turning in keys, cleaning apartment etc.) We encourage you to use a minimum number of small nails to hang decorations in your apartment. Damage to walls is very costly to repair. **Also, Residential Life reserves the right to cancel your lease for the coming semester(s) if you repeatedly fail Health and Safety inspections OR have damage that is not considered "normal wear and tear."**

**TRASH** - At no time should there be any trash outside of your apartment. You must keep it inside your apartment until you bring it down to the dumpster. Any violation of this policy will result in charges to all residents of the apartment. **NO WARNINGS.**

**BOTTLE COLLECTIONS** - Bottle collections of any kind are discouraged. If you do have one, however, at no time should it be visible from outside your apartment (for example on window sills or porch areas).

**NO ALCOHOL PROMOTION** – At no time are signs promoting alcohol or other drugs permitted in the windows of the University Apartments. Signs promoting alcohol or other drugs should not be visible from outside of your apartment.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS and  
POLICY EXPECTATIONS

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This list highlights some of the community standards that students are expected to follow as residents of a residence hall community. The standards are based on respect for the individual, the group and the community environment. This list is **not all-inclusive and does not include possible law enforcement action**. Refer to the student handbook ([www.plymouth.edu/stulife/handbook/](http://www.plymouth.edu/stulife/handbook/)) and Residential Life lease for additional information.

**VIOLATIONS**

(Certain policy violations have sanctions that are generally imposed. This list is not all-inclusive, and in some situations, the sanctions may be altered and/or additional sanctions may be imposed.

**SANCTIONS**

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| <b><u>NOISE VIOLATIONS</u></b>   |   |
| -First Violation:  | - Disciplinary Warning  |
| -Additional Violations:  | - Community Restitution and/or other judicial action                        |
|  | - Possible Relocation or Removal from Residential Life Housing              |
| <b><u>SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS</u></b>   |   |
| -Initial Alcohol Violation:  | - 12 Hour OCTAA Program (fee charged)                                       |
|  | - Parental Notification   |
| -Hospitalization for Alcohol Abuse:  | - 12 Hour OCTAA Program (fee charged)                                       |
|  | - Parental Notification   |
|  | - Mandatory Meeting with the Coordinator of Judicial Programs               |
|  | - Referral to Counseling  |
| -Marijuana Violation:  | - 3 Hour Marijuana Class (fee charged)                                      |
|  | - Parental Notification   |
|  | - Possible Disciplinary Probation   |
|  | - Possible Relocation or Removal from Residential Life                      |
| <b>NOTE: Any higher-level violations would most likely lead to a minimum of a one-semester suspension.</b>   |   |
| Violations may not fit into specific levels. Students may be required to receive other substance use/abuse education and/or further judicial action as deemed appropriate by a judicial officer. |   |
| <b><u>NONCOMPLIANCE</u></b>  |   |
| -Failure to Comply With Staff  | - Community Restitution and/or other judicial action                        |
|  | <i>(this includes interfering with staff performing their duties, etc.)</i> |
| -Failure to Complete Judicial Sanction:  | - Further sanctions   |
|  | - Possible Disciplinary   |
|  | - Probation or Suspension   |
| -Furnishing False Information  | - Judicial action up to Suspension  |

**LIFE SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

- **Inappropriate Gatherings (i.e. misuse of substances, excessive number of people, multiple policy violations, etc)**
  - **First Offense** - \$100 charge and possible higher judicial action
  - **Second Offense** - Relocation/eviction from Residential Life and possible higher judicial action

(Additional sanctions will be given to address substance related gatherings)
- **Candles/Incense (possession and/or use)**
  - \$25 charge
  - Confiscation and disposal of item
  - Residence Life Probation

(Additional offenses may result in removal from Residential Life facilities)
- **Tampering with Life Safety Equipment:**
  - Minimum \$50 charge
  - Possible Relocation or Removal from Residential Life

(Including fire exits, alarm boxes, smoke detectors, door closers, alarmed exits, etc.)
- **Maliciously Causing a Fire Alarm:**
  - Minimum \$200 charge
  - Suspension

(may result in criminal prosecution)
- **Failure to Evacuate During a Fire Alarm:** - Community Restitution
- **Removal of or Tampering With Window Screen:** - Minimum \$25 Maintenance Charge
- **Electrical Safety Standards:** - Disciplinary Warning and/or other judicial action

**GENERAL VIOLATIONS**

- **Pets:**
  - **First Offense** - Removal of pet; \$50 charge; signing of waiver for unannounced apartment checks
  - **Second Offense** - Relocation or Removal from University Apartments
- **Unnecessary Mess (including trash outside apartment):** - \$25 charge and/or other judicial action
- **Having University Property out of Apartment:** - Minimum \$25 charge per day and/or replacement cost
- **Snow Policy (throwing snow at or from building):** - Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- **Dining Hall Violations**
  - **Theft:** - Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
  - **Unnecessary Mess** - Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- **Lost Keys** - \$25 charge per key

***You are responsible for the behavior of your guests and will be held accountable for their violations of policy.***

***Repeat or multiple violations may lead to more significant consequences.***

**REPEAT OR MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS  
MAY LEAD TO MORE SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES.**

The rules and regulations are in place to ensure an environment that is conducive to academic success and to help in the development of good citizenship. When a violation occurs, it takes away from the community and detracts from the overall goals of the university. Community restitution ensures the resident puts time and effort back into their community.