

COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND POLICY EXPECTATIONS

Department of Residential Life

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/) and Residential Life lease for additional information.

VIOLATIONS

SANCTIONS

(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)

ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA VIOLATIONS

-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 Housing

NOTE: Higher-level violations may lead to a minimum of a one-semester suspension.

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 by a judicial officer.

NOISE VIOLATIONS

-First Violation:

-Disciplinary Warning

-Additional Violations:

-Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
-Possible Relocation or Removal from Residential Life Housing

CANDLE AND INCENSE VIOLATIONS (possession and/or use)

-First Violation:

-Confiscation
-Residence Life Probation

-Additional Violations:

-Possible Relocation or Removal from Residential Life Housing

DAMAGE, VANDALISM, PERSONAL TRASH, UNNECESSARY MESS VIOLATIONS

-First Violation:

-Possible Charges
-2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action

-Additional Violations:

-Possible Relocation or Removal from Residential Life Housing

NON-COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS

- Failure to Comply with Requests of Staff: -2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- Failure to Complete Judicial Sanctions: -Further Sanctions
-Possible Disciplinary Probation or Suspension

LIFE SAFETY RELATED VIOLATIONS:

- Electrical Appliances Violation: (prohibited appliances, electrical cords, etc) -Confiscation
-2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- Smoking Violation (smoking in Residence Halls): -2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- Screen/Window Violation (tampering with or removal): -\$25 Charge and/or other judicial action

FIRE SAFETY VIOLATIONS:

- Tampering with Fire Safety Equipment: (fire exits, alarm boxes, smoke detectors, door closers, etc) -\$50 Charge (minimum)
-Possible Relocation or Removal from Residential Life Housing
- Maliciously Causing a Fire or False Fire Alarm: (may result in criminal prosecution) -\$200 Charge (minimum) and/or Reimbursement for Damages
-Suspension from University
- Failure to Evacuate During Fire Alarm: -5 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action

GENERAL VIOLATIONS:

- Room Care Violation (cleanliness, damage, etc): -Possible Charges and/or other judicial action
- Room Capacity Violation (exceeding safe numbers): -Disciplinary Warning
-2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- Key Violation (lost keys): -\$25 Charge per key
- Sports/Recreational Device Violations: (skateboards, bicycles, football, frisbee, etc) -Confiscation
-2 hours Community Restitution and/or Charges
- Pet Violation: -Confiscation or Immediate Removal of Pet by Resident
-2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- Trespassing/Unauthorized Entry Violation: (opposite sex in bathroom, entering room without permission, etc) -2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action
- Propping of Public Doors Violation: -\$25 Charge and/or other judicial action
- Theft Violation: (University property in private room/out of building, etc) -Daily Charges and/or Replacement Costs
-Disciplinary Warning and/or other judicial action
- Dining Hall Violation (theft, unnecessary mess, etc): -2 hours Community Restitution and/or other judicial action

**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.