

UMBC RESIDENTIAL LIFE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES GUIDE

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Living successfully together on campus leads to the development of personal integrity, civility and citizenship. This requires a commitment to observe the Community Living Principles and the Residential Life Rules, which show respect to the balance between your rights as a community member, and your responsibilities as a community member.

In addition to the guidelines in this unabridged guide, residential students are accountable for content included in the abridged version of this guide, their housing license, the Residential Life website, verbal or written instructions from staff members, University policies, COVID-19 Emergency Health and Safety Rules, Policies & Guidelines, and Federal, State and local laws. These guidelines are considered part of a residential student's Rights and Responsibilities. In addition, any violation of the Code of Student Conduct, University policies, state or federal law, local ordinances, etc. is prohibited. **Residential students are also expected to adhere to all COVID-19 health and safety guidelines and signage enacted for the UMBC Community.**

Any rules listed in this guide are subject to change as public health and safety guidance from the University, CDC, USM, and federal, state or local officials evolves. Residential students will be advised of changes via email from the University, or Residential Life.

IMPORTANT REVISIONS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2023

Note: This is not an exhaustive list of rules/policies. Any rules listed here, and in this guide are subject to change as public health and safety guidance from the University, CDC, USM, and federal, state or local officials evolves.

- **COVID-19 Response:** UMBC continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. All UMBC community members, including residential students, are required to remain up to date on and adhere to COVID-19 protocols. To view most recent updates and communications, visit [here](#).
 - At the time of publication of this document, masking remains required in classrooms. UMBC's COVID-19 response team continues to monitor community risk levels, and if campus or community infection rates change these health and safety measures will be adjusted as necessary.
 - All residential students will be required to remain [up to date](#) on their COVID-19 vaccination. Unvaccinated residential students must have an approved [medical or religious exemption](#) or a completed waiver on file and will receive more information on this process soon.

- **Guests:** Guests in the Residence Halls: Residents may host guests. Residents are responsible for their guest's behavior and for discussing and coming to agreement about a guest's presence within a room or apartment, with their roommates or apartmentmates prior to the guest's arrival. All guests in Chesapeake, Erickson, Patapsco, Potomac, and Susquehanna must be appropriately checked in at the community desk.

- **Residential Life Cleaning Practices:** Residential Life is cleaning all shared community spaces, which include lobbies, public restrooms, laundry rooms, community study areas and lounges, and high contact items in those spaces, which include doorknobs, main entrance doors, elevator buttons. in-line with CDC recommendations.

- **Recommended Cleaning Strategies for Residents:** Residents are encouraged to review and practice CDC recommended cleaning practices for personal hygiene and disinfecting their individual and shared spaces including bedrooms, kitchens, living rooms and bathrooms: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html#anchor_1617388678099

ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Alcohol

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits misconduct involving alcohol, including, but not limited to:

- Unauthorized or illegal use of any alcoholic beverages;
- Aiding or abetting an underage person in the purchase of alcoholic beverages;
- Disorderly conduct due all or in part to being under the influence of alcohol;
- The possession, consumption, or distribution of alcohol in any University facility or event, except as provided by the institution, in accordance with state and local law;
- Misrepresentation of age to obtain alcoholic beverages;
- Providing alcohol to underage persons;
- Possession of an open alcohol container in a public area;
- Consumption of alcohol in a public area; or
- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol by underage persons

Residential Life rules regarding Alcohol include:

- Residents who are not yet 21 may not possess, consume, sell, or serve alcohol in their assigned room or apartment,
- Residents who are not yet 21 may not host in their room or apartment anyone, regardless of age or relationship, who is possessing, consuming, selling, or serving alcohol
- Kegs and other multi-quart containers are not permitted in or around any residential facility
- Brewing and/or distilling alcohol is not permitted in or around any residential facility

Illegal Drugs & Controlled Substances

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits misconduct involving illegal drugs or controlled substances, including, but not limited to:

- Possession, use, distribution, sale, manufacture, or processing of illegal or unprescribed narcotics, illegal drugs, hallucinogens, and controlled substances;
- Possession, use, or sale of drug paraphernalia;
Possession, use, sale, or distribution of legal drugs that are not prescribed to the recipient or person in possession or misuse of prescribed drugs or over the counter drugs.

BEHAVIOR WHICH JEOPARDIZES THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF SELF OR OTHERS

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits Behavior Which Jeopardizes the Health or Safety of Self or Others, including but not limited to:

- Unauthorized/illegal possession, storage, or use of weapons or firearms (possession of a license to possess or use a weapon shall not constitute a defense of any violation of this rule, as the University reserves the right to restrict even licensed possession or licensed
- Behavior when such restrictions adds to the protection of person or property of the
- University);
- Acts, or threats, of physical assault or abuse;
- Violence;

- Failure to cease repetitive unwanted behavior directed toward a particular individual or individuals;
- Disorderly conduct;
- Hazing as that term is defined in UMBC Policy V-8.00.01 found at <http://www.umbc.edu/policies>
- Forcible detention;
- Threatening behavior;
- Endangering behavior;
- Indecent exposure;
- Alcohol poisoning;
- Drug overdose; or,
- Rioting.

CARE FOR FACILITIES AND DAMAGE

Residential Life endorses shared responsibility for damages to community common areas, and property.

Residential Life rules regarding care for facilities and property include:

Furniture

- All University furniture must remain in the room in which it was installed at the time the resident moved in. This includes lounge or other common area furniture so that it can be available to all and to minimize damage.
- To prevent the blocking of egress and to maintain the long-term functionality of University property:
 - Furniture must remain in its upright position and may not be disassembled, modified, or uninstalled (except when adding a rented BedLoft unit).
- Mattresses must remain on bed frames and may not be placed directly on the floor.

Painting/Mounting/Hanging/Attaching Items to the Interior of Residential Facilities

- No item of any sort may be temporarily or permanently mounted, hung, rigged, draped, or attached from or to a window, shade, blinds, or balcony, regardless of whether the item is interior or exterior to the building.
- Residents may not wallpaper or paint walls or ceilings.
- Nothing should obstruct the airflow of the heating and air conditioning system so that facilities staff can work effectively and efficiently. Objects placed in front of the unit should be a minimum of six inches away
- Residents may not install additional locks, chains, or other devices that would preclude entry by others as, in the event of an emergency, it is important that University and emergency personnel be able to enter a residential room.

Bed Lofting

- Bed lofting is permitted in residence halls only and must be provided by the approved vendor BedLoft.

- BedLoft is the exclusive provider of lofting units that are to be assembled by the resident with instructions from the vendor. These units may be rented directly from the vendor through the Residence Life Web-link to the BedLoft site.
- All bed parts must be stored within the resident room. NOTE: Bed lofting units may not be used in ‘overflow’ rooms already containing bunked beds
- No other type of bed lofting structures may be constructed or are permitted for use on campus.

COMMUNITY SECURITY

Accessing Residential Facilities

UMBC Residential Life is committed to the safety of the residential communities and maintains rules and procedures for entering and exiting residential communities to protect the safety and security of the residential community. Residents should enter and exit buildings through marked entryways and exits. Residence hall emergency and fire exits should only be used in emergencies. No person shall enter any residential area, or use any egress, which is not intended for the use that resident (i.e., emergency doors, roofs, windows, etc.).

- All persons must enter and exit residence halls through the main entrance and apartments through the front door, except in the cases of a fire, fire drill, or other emergency situation.
- At no time should residents access the rooftop of residence halls.
- Except in case of emergencies, windows may not be used as entrances or exits. At all other times, window screens, stoppers, and other hardware must remain in place.
- To maintain the security of the community, tampering with or minimizing the effectiveness of access control or safety and security systems in any way is prohibited.
- Propping or forcing open of exterior doors is prohibited.

Unauthorized Entry

Residential Life rules prohibit:

- Borrowing, lending, stealing, or duplicating UMBC keys, UMBC identification cards, or resident identification cards for any purpose; or,
- Assisting others in entering the community without properly being signed in;
- Giving unauthorized entry to others, or using improperly gained keys or identification or access control cards;
- Failing to provide identification when asked to do so by a University official;
- Providing false identification.
- Residents must use their UMBC identification card to swipe through locked doors. They may not hold or prop locked doors for others.
- Accessing and/or occupying vacant rooms in suite/apartment

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits:

- Failure or refusal to leave University grounds, or a specific portion thereof, or a University facility when requested by an authorized University official; or,
- Improper or unauthorized entry into a University building, facility, or campus residence.

ID Cards and Keys Lost or Temporary Key Procedure

Residents should carry their UMBC ID at all times, when they are in the residential community.

Identification cards and stickers are provided to residents as a mechanism of establishing that a student has a legitimate purpose on campus or within a specific community, therefore, Residential Rules require:

- Resident students entering a building with a staffed community service desk must show, provide, or furnish their current, valid UMBC ID as instructed by building staff;
- When entering their assigned building, if a resident student does not have their ID, they must wait at the desk until the desk staff is able to verify their identity.
- All guests must follow the procedures outlined in the Rights and Responsibilities Guide and the Code of Student Conduct including the COVID-19 Addendum to the Code of Student Conduct.
- A resident is allowed 5 temporary/lockout key or card checkouts without penalty per semester.
- If a key is lost more than 3 times in a 7-day period, the resident must present their original key to the desk when returning their temporary key, or the lock will be replaced or reset.

COMPLIANCE

To maintain the orderly and safe operation of our residential communities, Residential Life Rules and The Code of Student Conduct direct all students to comply with all University policies, protocol, and rules, as well as the Residential Life and Walker Avenue Apartment's License Agreements. Additionally, students are required to comply with all reasonable requests of University officials, including all levels of Residential Life staff carrying out their job responsibilities

Residential Life works closely with UMBC Police and UMBC Environmental Safety and Health to establish expectations for Residential Students which will keep everyone in our community safe. See the sections below on "Fire Safety", "Health and Sanitation" and "Prohibited Items" for more information.

While compliance with University policies, protocols and rules is required at all times, compliance during emergencies, including weather emergencies and/or public health emergencies is especially noteworthy due to the evolving nature of these situations which requires vigilance, responsiveness, and attention to changing expectations and directives delivered through University communications or by University staff.

The University's Emergency Response Plan and Campus Evacuation Plan can be accessed via the UMBC Police website here: <https://police.umbc.edu/services/emergency-preparedness/>

The University's COVID-19 Response Plan and communications can be accessed here:

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FIRE SAFETY

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits:

- Failure to comply with posted evacuation procedures;
- Tampering with fire protection apparatus;
- Possession, use, or threatened use of fireworks, bombs, or explosive devices of any character;
- Use of open flame devices or combustible materials, including chemicals, which endanger the safety or well-being of the University community;
- Unauthorized use of, tampering with, or misuse of electrical equipment, burglar alarms, fire exits;
- Giving false alarms or false reports of fire or emergency; or, fire setting.

Residential Life rules regarding fire safety include:

Emergency Evacuation

Anyone present in a residence hall where a fire alarm is sounding must evacuate each time the alarm sounds using only designated emergency exit doors. Evacuation locations can be found in the following locations:

- on the back of every residence hall room door
- on the Residential Life Website: <https://reslife.umbc.edu/files/2015/02/Emergency-Responses-at-UMBC.pdf>
- in evacuation email communication to residential students

To facilitate a timely exit in the case of an emergency, obstructing hallways, breezeways, stairwells, or exit doors in any manner is prohibited.

Appliances, Microwaves & Refrigerators

Please refer to the list of prohibited items under “Fire Safety/Prohibited Items” for the full list of appliances which, when not installed by the University, are not permitted to be stored or used in any residential hall or apartment.

Residents living in apartments:

- Are provided with a refrigerator. No additional refrigeration units may be added. Personal microwaves are permitted only in the kitchens of those apartments not already equipped

with them.

- Rice cookers, air fryers, toasters, toaster ovens, griddles and non-pedestal “George Foreman”-style grills are permitted in apartment kitchens for countertop use only.

Residents living in the residence halls and suites:

- Residents may have refrigerators which meet the following guidelines:
 - No more than one refrigerator per bedroom may be present.
 - Refrigerators may not be larger than 4.3 cubic feet.
- Microwaves are not permitted with the exception of “micro-fridge” units and those installed by the University in kitchens/kitchenettes.

The following appliances are not permitted in residence hall rooms: rice cookers, toasters, toaster ovens, griddles, “George Foreman”-style grills, air fryers, or other cooking appliances that present a significant risk of causing a fire or setting off a fire alarm, as determined by the UMBC fire marshal.

Cooking

- Cooking utensils (including kitchen knives) are only permitted in the kitchen areas of apartment communities and designated kitchens/kitchenettes with the exception of UL-approved coffee pots with automatic shutoff.
- Students should remain in or near the kitchen area while cooking to ensure that no items burn or catch fire.

Decorations

- A single strand of UL-approved holiday lights is permitted per room. A single strand is defined as one strand, with one power plug, which is not connected to another strand of lights.
- No item can hang down from the ceiling or be draped across a ceiling or cover lights or sprinklers.
- No more than 50% of a door or wall may be covered with papers, photos, or other flammable items.

Occupancy

- Residents must adhere to all posted University and Residential Life signage and written communication regarding occupancy. It is incumbent upon residents to ensure they are checking occupancy signage upon entering any common space in the residence halls or areas.
- There may be no more than 4 guests present, per residential host with a license for the occupied residential room or apartment, at any given time. In other words: hosts must be with their guests at all times and may not host more than 4 guests at any time in their room or apartment.
- No more than 14 people may be present inside an apartment or inside any residence hall suite (define as all rooms sharing one bathroom).

Balconies

- At no time should there be gatherings of individuals on apartment balconies.
- There can be no furniture, large items or trash on balconies

FILE SHARING

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits the downloading or sharing of the intellectual property and copyrighted works of others, without permission or consent of the copyright holder, (as provided in Rule 19 of the Code of Student Conduct) including:

- Music,
- Motion pictures,
- Computer software (including games),
- Photos,
- Data files, and
- Configuration files and maps.

GUESTS AND VISITATION

For the safety and comfort of the residential community, residence halls and apartments are open for the residents assigned to each community, University officials, and authorized guests. Guests may visit residential students in their rooms or buildings. Guests are defined as any person who is not a licensed resident of the room and building in which they are visiting. Visiting the residence halls as a guest is not a right but a privilege granted by the host, roommate(s), and Residential Life. This privilege may be revoked.

Note: In emergency situations, for the health and safety of our community, guest and visitation regulations may be altered to align with current or evolving public health and safety guidelines. Changes will be communicated with residential students via email.

Host Responsibilities

- Out of respect for the wishes and needs of roommate(s), residents must secure the permission of their roommate(s) before hosting a guest. The hosting of a guest cannot impede roommate(s) from freely and comfortably accessing the room/apartment, and/or their ability to sleep, study, etc. in the room/apartment.
- By bringing a guest into the community, residents accept responsibility for their presence, actions, and/or misconduct even if the host is unaware of their guest's behavior. Hosts are also responsible for informing and educating their guests about the Residential Life rules and other University policies and regulations.
- Residents may host up to four (4) guests per accompanying host at one time in their residential room or apartment.
- A residential student host must sign in and accompany all guests at all times.
- Residential students should never sign in or host an individual with whom they are unfamiliar.
- Visiting the residence halls as a guest is not a right but a privilege granted by the host, suitemate(s), apartmentmate(s), and Residential Life. This privilege may be revoked. Residential Life reserves the right to deny entry or access to any guest or visitor for any reason and without prior notice.
- Only students with a Residential Life license to a room may reside in that room. Therefore, guests or visitors may not be signed in or hosted for the purpose of providing a place to live, or for an extended one-time, or repeated stay.
- Minors, defined as non-student guests under the age of 16, require greater supervision and guidance than an adult guest. Therefore, resident students who host minors as visitors

or overnight guests take on a special and extra responsibility. No guests under 16 years of age may stay overnight in residential communities without prior written permission from a parent or guardian and prior approval from a Residential Life professional staff member by emailing a written request to the Community Director.

- Residential Life reserves the right to deny entry or access to any non-resident for any reason and without prior notice.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Smoking

- In accordance with campus policies, smoking is prohibited on campus except in 2 designated areas. Therefore, the use of smoking devices including but not limited to: Hookahs, E-cigarettes, vaporizers, vape pens, Jules, or other electronic smoking devices is prohibited in or around residence halls. For more information: smokefree.umbc.edu
- Hookahs and/or or electronic smoking device may be stored in residential facilities.
- Used coals from hookahs must be cold to the touch when disposed of and may not be brought into any residential facility.

Pets

With the exception of fish in aquariums no larger than 10-gallon, pets and kept animals are not permitted in the residence facilities. Service animals (trained dogs) have access to residential areas when they are with the person whose disability they are serving, as are animals that are known to Residential Life as an approved accommodation through Student Disability Services.

Trash and Cleanliness

Residential Life is cleaning all shared community spaces, which include lobbies, public restrooms, laundry rooms, community study areas and lounges, and high contact items in those spaces, which include doorknobs, main entrance doors, elevator buttons in-line with CDC recommendations.

- Residential Life staff will routinely clean and disinfect all high point contact areas once in the morning and once in the afternoon. High-point contacts include: doorknobs, main entrance doors, elevator buttons, lounge rooms, public restrooms and laundry rooms.
- Residential Life staff will utilize an Electrostatic machine and will continue to use products such as Diversey Virex TB-1, Oxivir TB-1 or Alph HP.

Residents are encouraged to review and practice CDC recommended cleaning practices for personal hygiene and disinfecting their individual and shared spaces including bedrooms, kitchens, living rooms and bathrooms: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html#anchor_1617388678099

Cleaning staff will not routinely clean inside student rooms or apartments. In the case of an emergency (such as bodily fluids, flood, fire etc.), students should contact FXIT and the emergency cleaning protocol will be followed.

All residents should adhere to practices that keep our communities clean and pest-free. Residents are responsible for removing trash and recyclables on a regular basis, depositing the items fully

inside the appropriate trash receptacle, dumpster or recycling bin. It is the responsibility of each resident to clean and maintain their room, apartment and community. Specifically:

- Residents may not store trash on balconies, hallways or common areas. Inappropriate trash disposal may result in student conduct charges.
- Littering is prohibited.
- Residents should keep food in tightly closed plastic or metal containers.
- If a resident develops a pest problem, they should contact Residential Facilities at 410-455-FXIT immediately.

LIVING AGREEMENTS

Written agreements between apartment or suitemates, or other living units provide mutual guidelines for living standards and are required to be completed as instructed by RA/CD staff. These agreements are enforceable by Residential Life. For any agreement to be modified once completed, all changes must be mutually acceptable and placed on file with the Community Director.

NOISE AND QUIET HOURS

To promote a quiet environment in which others can more easily sleep and study, all residents should remove musical, stereo, or other equipment that is disruptive to the community upon request. Amplified devices must be used with headphones.

Courtesy Hours

At all times, courtesy quiet hours are in effect. This means that residents should be conscious of their noise level and take care not to disturb others in and around the residence halls, or the residential area. Residents who are asked to be quiet during Courtesy Hours should comply with any requests to end the disturbance of others.

Quiet Hours

During this time, noise must be kept at levels that will not interfere with the study or sleep of other students.

- Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning at 10 PM-8 AM (Quiet Lifestyle designated areas begin at 8 PM)
- Friday and Saturday beginning at 1 AM (Quiet Lifestyle designated areas begin at 10 PM) and ending at 8 AM that same morning.
- Campus construction contractors are permitted to operate beginning at 7 AM.

24 Hour Quiet Hours – Exam Period

- To allow everyone to study for finals and finish end-of-semester papers and projects, 24-hour continual quiet hours begin the week before study day for each term and end on the last day of finals for that term.

OPENING, UNIVERSITY BREAKS AND CLOSING

To maintain an environment conducive to community living and high academic standards, all residents must adhere to Opening and Closing procedures and directives which may be posted on

the Residential Life website, provided through Residential Life communications, stated in the Residential Life License and/or noted below. Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in charges of non-compliance and/or additional monetary charges or fees.

To promote a quiet environment in which others can more easily sleep and study, all residents are required to check out of their rooms within 24 hours of their last final examination.

At the time of move-out, students are responsible for removing all personal property, including, but not limited to, mail/packages, bedding, cookware, and clothing, by their final date of occupancy in an assigned room/apartment. Residents must coordinate the removal of all shared items between roommates, suitemates, or apartmentmates prior to their final date of occupancy. Residential Life reserves the right to dispose of abandoned property or unclaimed items. Residential Life may assess a charge or fee for cleaning, disposing, or storing abandoned property or unclaimed items.

Additional information Opening and Closing can be found here:
<https://reslife.umbc.edu/important-dates/>

POSTING, SOLICITATION AND COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

Posting/Chalking

Only Residential Life, student organizations and University entities may post in the residential area when approved and stamped by a designated Residential Life staff member and hung in designated areas.

- Posting on the exterior of buildings, trees, and lamp posts is prohibited. Items may not be stretched or hung across hallways, doors, balconies, or exteriors of buildings. Nothing may be attached or hung from ceilings or glass.
- No postings or advertisements may be slipped under doors or hung from door handles.
- No postings may be left on or around the residential desks without permission from the Community Director.
- In the residential communities it is prohibited to post items on, in, or under doors by anyone other than the residents assigned to the room.
- Chalking any area of sidewalks is prohibited in residential communities.

Solicitation

Solicitation and sales are prohibited in all residential facilities. Solicitation is defined as any effort to ask for donations or contributions of time, money, goods, or services. Soliciting also refers to canvassing and other promotional activities. Sales are efforts to offer a product or service in return for money, goods, or other services.

Commercial Operations

Students may not conduct or contract for any business enterprise, exclusive of University approved activities, within the residence halls or apartments. Subleasing or otherwise loaning the use of an apartment or room is also prohibited.

PROHIBITED SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE AND OTHER RELATED MISCONDUCT

The University prohibits sex and gender-based harassment and stalking, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sexual intimidation, relationship violence, domestic violence, and retaliation.

- There are several on-campus supports and resources available to students.
- The process is fair to all parties and everyone will be treated with respect and dignity throughout the resolution process.
- The updated Policy and Procedures, and a comprehensive list of supports and resources can be found at: <https://oei.umbc.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy-and-procedures/>

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ACTIVITIES

Because of the risk of damage to property and for the safety of all residential students, the following activities are prohibited within the Residential facilities:

- Participation in athletic and physically active recreational activities and the use of athletic equipment (including, but not limited to, lacrosse and soccer balls, basketballs, baseballs/softballs, Nerf, Frisbees, bicycles/scooters/skateboards) indoors, in Erickson and Harbor courtyards, or immediately adjacent to a residential facility, except in provided athletic courts and open field areas; and,
- The possession or use of dartboards; and,
- The use of water guns and water balloons indoors or immediately adjacent to a residential facility.
- For the safety and privacy of all residential students, and to protect property and the environment from damage, the use of slacklines in a manner that may cause damage to trees, or residential facilities, cause privacy issues for residents, or cause harm to pedestrians is prohibited. Slacklines should only be used on trees that are 50 feet or more from the Residential Buildings
- For the safety of residents, bicycles, scooters, or similar wheeled vehicles may not be parked in public areas of residential buildings including lobbies, balconies, laundry rooms, hallways, stairwells, breezeways, and recreation areas, and they may not be locked to trees, benches, tables, railings, and other outside structures. Bicycles should be parked at provided bike racks. Any bikes left on campus more than 30 days after the end of the academic year will be removed. Bike registration is strongly recommended with UMBC Police. Scooters may be used for ADA purposes for those with documentation on file with the Office of Student Disability Services.
- The use of skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, or roller-skates in a manner that may cause damage to University property or the use of a wheeled device around University buildings in a manner that may cause injury to pedestrians is also prohibited.
- University Environmental Safety and Health has prohibited the use and/or storage of hoverboards on UMBCs campus, including in residential facilities.

THEFT

Residential Life rules prohibit intentional or negligent acts or attempted acts resulting in theft or property damage This includes, but is not limited to:

- Theft or destruction of community property common room furniture, floor decorations or bulletin boards.

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits intentional or negligent acts or attempted acts resulting in theft or property damage are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Theft, vandalism, destruction, damage, abuse, or fraudulent use of University or private property, including University property, personal or University credit cards, and University funds; or
- Theft, destruction, damage, abuse, or fraudulent use of University services, including attendance in classes in which the student is not enrolled, computer, telephone, and mail services.

WEAPONS

The Code of Student Conduct prohibits all types of weapons. This includes, but is not limited to any potentially dangerous object or substance:

- Any firearm (including any weapon or instrument from which a shot, projectile, or other object may be discharged by force, whether operable or inoperable, loaded or unloaded);
- Any deadly weapon, defined as any instrument, item, or material readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury;
- Any BB gun, pellet gun, air rifle, paint gun, sword (including decorative items), or other martial arts weapon;
- Any bomb (or other explosive material), knife (other than an ordinary pocketknife carried in a closed position, with a blade of three inches or less), switchblade, billy club, blackjack, bludgeon, metal knuckles, slingshot, razor, bicycle chain, or ice pick; or,
- Any explosive chemical or device including a substance, or a combination of substances possessed or prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, including fireworks; and,
- Illegal or potentially dangerous chemicals.

Prohibited Items

In addition to weapons, as defined above and in the Code of Student Conduct and select appliances defined above, the following items are prohibited in all residential facilities and areas due to the possible harm to others, facilities, or danger of fire associated with their use possession or storage in the residence halls (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Ammunition
- Any appliance that by way of intense heat or open flame may pose a fire threat
- Any appliance with an exposed heating element unless specified here
- Candles
- Darts and dartboards
- Devices with open flames or exposed heating elements
- Electric blankets
- Fireworks
- Gas or charcoal barbecue grills and briquettes
- Gasoline, lighter fluid, and compressed gasses
- Halogen bulbs
- Heat or sun lamps

- Hover boards and other motor-propelled devices including motorized scooters, **motorized** bikes, and **motorized** skateboards
- Immersion heaters
- Incense
- Multi-plug outlets (surge protectors are permitted)
- Power tools and spray paint (in addition to the prohibition in residential facilities, the use of these items is also prohibited on residential grounds).
- Real cut trees, corn stalks, hay or straw bales and other cut plants
- Space heaters
- Stoves of any kind