

## ETSU DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS

The primary objectives of the Department of Housing and Residence Life (DHRL) at East Tennessee State University are: to provide an environment that will contribute to the intellectual, social, cultural, academic, and personal development of the student; to provide for student self-responsibilities for the living unit; to provide added learning experiences through the development of hall programs; and to provide for one's individuality. The housing staff is committed to accomplishing these objectives in a responsible manner. As the housing staff works to provide students with the maximum opportunity for learning the skills and behaviors involved in community living, it is the responsibility of each resident to maintain appropriate community standards by knowing and following housing/university policy as stated in *The Spectrum*, <http://www.etsu.edu/students/spectrum/policies.htm>, and the *ETSU Housing Handbook*, <http://www.etsu.edu/students/housing/handbook/2007> ETSU Housing handbook.pdf.

**To help insure healthy, safe living communities on campus**, residents must read and acknowledge this summary of community standards. Note that you are responsible for knowing and following all university/housing policies as stated in the references cited above. Violations of university/housing policy will result in disciplinary action.

**Prohibited Items/Behaviors:** The following items/behaviors are prohibited in all on-campus housing: tobacco use; open flames; burning candles; candle warmers; room deodorizers; burning incense; extension cords; open coil burners/heaters; live Christmas trees; combustible materials (gas, fuel, etc.); fireworks; sun lamps; window-unit air conditioners; halogen lamps; using decorative lights around curtains; hanging lights or other items from ceilings; tampering with fire alarm/fire safety equipment, such as covering or dismantling smoke detectors, pulling false fire alarms, discharging fire extinguishers, and hanging items from sprinklers or smoke detectors; removing exit signs; propping fire doors and outside doors; adding door locks to the room door; obstructing staff from conducting room/fire safety checks; animals/pets other than fish in an aquarium not to exceed 10 gallons; alcoholic beverages; decorative alcohol bottles and cans; illegal drugs; drug paraphernalia; guns, rifles, pistols, explosive devices, bowie knives, daggers, swords, slingshots, leaded canes, switch-blade knives, blackjacks, metallic/brass knuckles, or any other weapon of like kind; loaning room key or ID card to others; tampering with door hardware; sub-leasing room or apartment; switching rooms without official permission from the DHRL; removing window screens; being on building balconies, roofs, or window ledges; storing motorcycles/bicycles on the walkways or in the stairwells; solicitation; gambling in any form; refrigerators larger than 5.0 cubic feet; possession of stolen property (street signs, etc.); dart boards/use of darts; noise that is excessive or disturbs the community; vandalism of university property; and any other item/behavior considered dangerous or offensive to others. **Visitation:** In compliance with Housing policy, residents are responsible for their guests, both male and female. Residents must properly sign in all guests at the desk area, escort guests to/from room during visitation hours, and inform guests of university/housing policies and procedures.

### **REMEMBER THESE SAFETY TIPS:**

- Always keep your room door locked.
- Call Public Safety at 439-4480 to report suspicious persons/behaviors.
- Attend Campus Safety and Crime Prevention Programs.
- Report lost/stolen ID's and keys to hall staff or to Public Safety.
- Report vandalism to hall staff and/or Public Safety immediately. When the responsible party is unknown, an entire hall, floor, or building must pay for damages.
- Exit the building immediately when the fire alarm sounds.

**I have read and understand this summary of community standards:**

**Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hall:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room #** \_\_\_\_\_

**DHRL Staff Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_