Student Residences Regulations (Effective October 2018) Memorial University of Newfoundland Student Residences – St. John's Campus

Memorial University's On-Campus Housing is a learning environment where our residents develop as individuals and as members of our residence community. As members of our community, all residents and their guests are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct, the University-Wide Procedures for Sexual Harassment Complaints, university policies (e.g. Appropriate Use of Computing Resources, Health and Safety, Alcohol, Smoking, etc.), the rules and regulations contained in the University Calendar, the Accommodations Agreement, the Student Residences Regulations, and the wider criminal and civil laws, which govern their lives generally. Residents can be held responsible and sanctioned for the conduct of their guest(s). A resident can be referred to the Residence Life Office for any activities related to the above and/or for support and guidance.

The Director of Student Residences and/or delegate will report misconduct to the appropriate university officials.

Conduct that is deemed to be an offence under the university's Student Code of Conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Offences against persons, including assault, threats, hazing, or froshing, etc.
- Offences involving property, including taking, damaging, or defacing university property.
- Offences involving alcohol or drugs.
- Offences involving disruption to the university community.
- Violations of university policies (e.g. Health and Safety, Smoking, etc.).
- Contravening the provisions of the *Criminal Code of Canada* or any federal, provincial, or municipal legislation. The university reserves the right to report student conduct to law enforcement agencies.

The Director of Student Residences and/or delegate has the authority to; explore alleged violations of the Student Residences Regulations and any allegations of inappropriate behaviour, impose Student Residences Sanctions, and prevent and/or limit any individual's access to the residences and the housing facilities (i.e. Corte Real, R. Gushue Hall, and Hatcher).

Full-time employees of Student Residences (Residence Life staff, Work Control staff, and Accommodations staff) have the authority to issue sanctions for any violations of the Accommodations Agreement and/or violations of the Student Residences Regulations. Part-time and student employees of Student Residences (Residence Coordinators, and Resident Assistants have the authority to issue sanctions for any violations of the Student Residences Regulations.

Residents are required to read and review their Accommodations Agreement and the Student Residences Regulations. Violations of their Accommodations Agreement and/or the Student Residences Regulations may result in immediate sanctions including eviction. Repeated violations of their Accommodations Agreement and/or the Student Residences Regulations will result in eviction.

The Student Residences unit maintains a record for each resident. Readmission to residence is based on a number of factors, including a review of a resident's record. Residents who demonstrate an inability and/or unwillingness to abide by the rules and regulations will not be readmitted to residence. Residents are advised that being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol are not acceptable defences for behaviour that violates the Accommodations Agreement or the Student Residences Regulations.

#### \*L1 = Level 1 Minor incidents \*L2 = Level 2 Major incidents

### **Community Standards for Respectful Living:**

- Residents and their guests must comply with the directions of and/or provide their identification to university staff (e.g. CEP, residence life staff, etc.) upon request. Requests made by the staff must be in relation to the Student Code of Conduct, the University-Wide Procedures for Sexual Harassment, university policies, the Accommodations Agreement, the Student Residences Regulations, and/or criminal and civil laws. (L2)
- 2. Residents and their guests must, at all times, be reasonably quiet. Reasonably quiet is defined as a volume of sound that does not interfere with another resident's right to peaceful enjoyment and ability to study, as determined by the Residence Life staff. **(L1)**
- 3. Residents and their guests must abide by the posted Quiet Hours and the regulations within designated areas (i.e. Quiet Area, Alcohol Free Area, etc). **(L1)**
- 4. Residents must obtain prior approval (24 hours in advance) from their roommate(s) and the Residence Coordinator (RC) before a guest stays overnight. Guests are not permitted to stay more than three (3) consecutive nights. **(L1)**
- 5. Residents must not repeatedly and/or frequently lock their key(s)/card(s) in their room. (Repeatedly and frequently is defined as more than 3 times in one semester). **(L1)**
- 6. Residents and their guests must not remove, alter, damage or relocate any furniture from common areas or their assigned accommodations. **(L1)**
- 7. Residents, at all times, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with generally accepted standards of behavior. (L1)

### Community Standards for responsible use/consumption of alcohol:

- 8. Residents and their guests must not have beer bottles anywhere in the housing facilities. (L2)
- 9. Residents and their guests must not carry unsealed containers of beverages through the common areas of the house (i.e. hallways, lobbies, stairwells. etc.) **(L1)**
- 10. Residents and their guests are not permitted to consume alcohol in public spaces or common areas

(e.g. lounges, lobbies, kitchens, etc.) in the housing facilities without authorization from the Director of Student Residences or delegate i.e. through the Residence Activities and Programming committee chaired by the Residence Coordinator. **(L1)** 

- Residents and their guests are not permitted to possess or store more than 12 units of alcohol in the housing facilities. (i.e. 12-355ml cans of beer/coolers, <u>OR</u> 1-375ml container of liquor, <u>OR</u> 2-750ml bottles of wine). (L1)
- 12. Residents are not permitted to consume alcohol in a dangerous and/or excessive manner. Examples of dangerous and/or excessive drinking include but are not limited to drinking games, speed-drinking, the use of funnels and drinking challenges, drinking game tables. **(L2)**
- 13. Residents and their guests are not permitted to make displays or trophies with any full, partially full, or empty alcohol containers. **(L1)**

#### **Community Standards for Health and Safety:**

- 14. Residents and their guests are not permitted to smoke inside, or within 10m of the housing facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, vapours/e-cigarettes, cigars, pipes etc. Memorial University is a smoke free campus and as such students are expected to refrain from smoking on campus. (L2)
- 15. Residents must not permit the occupancy of a room to exceed 12 individuals (bedroom or suite) or 18 individuals (apartment). **(L1)**
- 16. Residents and their guests must not prop open doors, obstruct any area which is deemed a fire escape route or tamper with any fire safety equipment. This includes, but is not limited to smoke detectors, sprinkler heads, fire extinguishers, door closers, etc. **(L2)**
- 17. Residents and their guests must not have open flames (e.g. candles, etc.) or burn incense, etc. in the housing facilities. **(L2)**
- 18. Residents and their guests must use the appropriate containers to dispose of all garbage and recycling. **(L1)**

#### Community Standards for Building Security:

- 19. Residents must not give their keys or access card to another individual. (L2)
- 20. Residents must not provide any individual, other than their own guests, access to the housing facilities. At all times residents MUST escort their guests in residence facilities. **(L2)**

#### Community Standards for Respectful Use of Cannabis:

- 21. As per Regulation 14, Smoking (including vaping) of cannabis in residence is prohibited. (L2)
- 22. Residents and their guests must not possess or consume cannabis in lounges and/or common areas. **(L2)**
- 23. Residents and their guest must not be in possession of or consume edible cannabis products or cook/bake with cannabis in residence. **(L2)**
- 24. Residents are not permitted to create trophies or window displays of bongs, pipes, grinders and other paraphernalia etc... (L1)
- 25. Residents must store their cannabis and store/maintain/clean paraphernalia in a manner as to not negatively impact members of the residence community. (Ex: Odor) (L2)
- 26. Residents and their guests are not permitted to possess or grow cannabis plants in residence. (L2)

## \*\*\*Please refer to the Residence Cannabis Regulations document for further residence regulations that apply to the University's Student Code of Conduct and Provincial Laws\*\*\*

https://www.mun.ca/residences/residencelife/policies/index.php

#### **Student Residences Sanctions**

**Written Warning**: A sanction notifying the resident that they have violated a Student Residences Regulation and that continued or repeated violations will result in additional sanctions. A written warning is not required before issuing additional sanctions.

Fine: A monetary sanction charged to the resident's financial account.

Schedule of Fines			
	First Fine	Second Fine	Third Fine
Level 1:			\$100 & An Automatic
Regulations #2, 3, 4, 5,	\$50	\$75	Referral to Residence
6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15,			Life Staff
18, 24			
Level 2:			\$300 & An Automatic
Regulations #1, 8, 12,	\$100	\$200	Referral to Residence
14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21,			Life Staff
22, 23, 25, 26			

**Education**: Mandated; (i) completion of an educational program, or ii) writing of a paper on a topic related to the incident, as assigned by the Residence Life Office, or iii) delivery of an oral presentation to a specified audience, or (iv) community service, not exceeding 25 hours, within the university or the residence community. Failure to complete the educational sanction by the assigned due date may result in further sanctions.

**Loss of Privileges**: A limitation of the resident's participation in specified residence activities for a stated period of time.

**Restricted Access**: A loss or limitation of access to all, or part, of the housing facilities.

**Reassignment**: Mandatory relocation within On or Off-Campus Housing to another room, floor, or building for a stated or indefinite period of time.

**Restitution:** Financial or material compensation for misconduct that results in the theft, vandalism, loss and/or damage to property.

**Bond**: A financial incentive and obligation to encourage residents not to become involved in future Student Residences Regulations violations. The charge will only be processed if a resident is found responsible for a further Student Residences Regulations violation at any level. If charged, the bond will be processed to the resident's account. Bonds range in amount from \$100- \$300.

**Behaviour Agreement:** A sanction required of residents who demonstrate a pattern of behaviour for repeatedly violating rules and regulations governing their ability to live on campus (i.e. the Student Residences Regulations, Accommodations Agreement, the Student Code of Conduct, criminal and civil laws, etc.) The behaviour agreement outlines specific guidelines the resident must follow to continue to

live on-campus. Residents who refuse to sign the agreement or violate the conditions of the agreement may be evicted from on-campus housing.

**Alcohol Probation:** A documented period of time whereby a resident will be required to refrain from possessing or consuming alcohol within residence. Alcohol probation may be part of a Behaviour Agreement. The Agreement will outline consequences for failing to adhere to the probationary period. Probationary periods are determined by the Residence Life Office.

**Eviction:** The termination of a resident's occupancy within Student Residences for a stated period of time, for violations of the Accommodations Agreement and/or the Student Residences Regulations. The Director of Student Residences has the authority to require the student to vacate Student Residences immediately, if the circumstances warrant, in his/her judgement.

# The university reserves the right to change the Student Residences Regulations and associated fines without notice.

In accordance with section 1.3 of the Student Residences document "Sanctioning and Appeals", every resident has the right to appeal any Student Residences Sanction. Residents considering an appeal are advised to consult section 1.3 of the Student Residences document "Sanctioning and Appeals" and/or the Student Residences staff.