

VISITATION

Section: Safety and Security

Policy: Residents must abide by the visitation option designated for their respective residential facility and the policies set forth for overnight guests, host responsibilities and escorting guests.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to provide information on the housing visitation options, overnight guest, host responsibilities and guest escorting responsibilities.

Scope: This policy applies to all residents and guests. This policy does not apply to housing professionals and graduate staff living on campus. Visiting scholars and special assignments guests or partners associated with a residential program living in residential facilities may also be exempt from this policy.

Background: A guest is defined as any individual who has not executed a contract for the residential space they are visiting. This person is being hosted by the resident of that space.

Procedure: Visitation Options

I. Residential space is assigned one of two options:

Option 1: Visitation permitted Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and beginning 10 a.m. Friday through Saturday, ending at 2 a.m. Monday (Sunday night).

Option 2: Visitation permitted 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Each of the visitation maximum parameters may be reduced, but not expanded, by a resident vote and approval of the executive director. This policy is designed to protect the privacy of each resident.

II. Roommate's rights have priority over guest's rights. Specific guest regulations are to be determined and mutually agreed upon by the roommates within each room, suite or unit. These regulations can further restrict the current visitation policy, but not broaden. If consensus cannot be met independently, staff will assist in creating a written agreement with the roommates.

Overnight Guests:

Residents hosting guests overnight in their rooms must abide by the following conditions:

- I. The guest's stay does not exceed three consecutive nights; situations requiring additional nights must be approved by the hall's graduate or professional staff.
- II. The hosting student is a resident of where the guest will stay. If the guest or student will use the bed belonging to the student's roommate, the student must obtain his or her permission.
- III. Each resident is limited to a total of nine nights per semester in which they

may have guests stay overnight. Overnight guests may stay no longer than three consecutive nights. Exceeding these guidelines will be considered infringement on the rights of the other resident(s) in the room, suite or unit.

- IV. University Village residents who execute a contract for the entire unit are limited to 14 nights per semester in which they may have guests stay overnight. Overnight guests may stay no longer than five consecutive nights. Residents may request extension of no more than nine consecutive nights for their guest to stay by contacting the area coordinator (AC) by email at least a month in advance of the date of the expected visit. The AC will make a decision as to whether the extension is granted and will contact the resident by email. The AC will copy the associate director of residence life, associate director for staff development and student conduct and director of residential programs and services, so they are aware of the decision.

Host Responsibilities:

- I. Residents are responsible for the actions of their visitors.
- II. A resident may be found responsible for violating the host responsibility policy for any violations or infractions committed by his or her visitors.
- III. All residents have the responsibility of informing visitors of any University Housing and University of Georgia policies.

Escorting Guests:

- I. All guests of the particular building they are visiting must be escorted by a resident of the building everywhere in the building 24 hours a day.
- II. Guests should make prior arrangements to meet their host at the entry point prior to their arrival.
- III. All residents are responsible for informing guests of the visitation policy.

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