

POLICIES AND RULES OF THE RESIDENCE HALLS

Please see the Residence Life Handbook for detailed information regarding these policies and rules.

- CANCELLATION POLICY** – There will be a \$350 cancellation fee assessed to students who cancel their room after they have been assigned a room. Cancellation requests must be made in writing/email to the Office of Residence Life. Writing or telephoning another department such as Student Service Center, Cooperative Education, Admissions, Student Life, advisor, Dean, RA or another student DOES NOT constitute cancellation of the housing contract.
COOP STUDENTS – Coop students who DO NOT cancel with the Office of Residence Life will incur a \$350 penalty within 10 days of accepting a co-op assignment. If co-op students intend to cancel they must do so whether they are assigned a bed or on the waiting list.
GREEK HOUSING STUDENTS – Students who select a campus room assignment and later choose to reside in Greek housing will not be subject to the cancellation fee before July 1st. After July 1st, any student wishing to reside in Greek housing and already has a campus room assignment will be subject to the \$350 cancellation fee.
- REFUND POLICY** – Residence hall and meal plan charges are for the full semester and NOT on a weekly or monthly basis. The cancellation guide/refund policy is as follows:
 - prior to the day of opening \$350 cancellation fee,
 - day of opening to the end of the 2nd week of classes 50% refund,
 - beginning of the 3rd week of class to the end of the semester 0% refund.Students who apply for spring housing have until December 15th to cancel their application and not be assessed a cancellation fee. If cancellation is received after this date, the cancellation fee will be assessed as stated above.
- CONSOLIDATION** – In a shared room, should your roommate vacate, you may be given one of the following options at the discretion of the Office of Residence Life: A. You may select another roommate. B. You may move in with another student. C. Accept whatever new roommate is assigned to you. D. You may be given the option of keeping your room as a single by paying an additional charge equivalent to the single room fee (30% above the standard shared occupancy fee). E. You may be asked to move to another room for consolidation purposes. If you are offered a double room as a single, the Office of Residence Life reserves the right to remove any furniture from the room normally designated for occupancy by a second occupant. At all times the Institute reserves the right to assign or to re-assign students to vacant beds as needed.
- ROOM CHANGES** – Housing assignments are made for one academic year. **Written approval from the Office of Residence Life is required to change rooms, residence hall, and to vacate an assigned room.** A resident wishing to do so must contact the Office of Residence Life for approval. No move is to take place without permission from the Office of Residence Life. During the first 2 weeks and the last 2 weeks of each semester, room changes will not be permitted. Failure to follow proper procedures may result in a fine or judicial proceeding.
- GUARANTEED HOUSING** – All students who apply for housing by the posted deadlines for the fall and spring semesters will be guaranteed housing in any Stevens facility (on/off campus). Contact the Office of Residence Life or visit our website for specific dates.
- WITHDRAWAL** – Students must totally vacate institutional housing and cease using institutional dining facilities within 24 hours after he or she withdraws, drops out, or be held liable for room and board charges beyond his or her last date of attendance.
- EXTENDED HOUSING** – An **additional charge** will be required of any student requiring campus housing during periods when residence halls are normally closed. This includes winter breaks early arrivals and late stays.
- DAMAGES** – Students will be held responsible for all damages in the room, building, and common areas, including all doors. The cost of damages will be charged to his/her account and a service charge may be assessed to cover processing. Room Condition Reports must be filled out and returned to the Office of Residence Life within the first week of occupancy.
- RESIDENT ASSISTANTS** – All students residing in campus housing are expected to maintain Institute and Residence Life rules and policies. Resident Assistants are in place to help you and assist in enforcing the rules and policies in the residence halls, as they are members of the Residence Life Staff.
- RESIDENCE HALL FLOOR MEETINGS** – The Resident Assistants are the main mechanism through which the Office of Residence Life communicates with and addresses/answers the concerns of residents. As such, it is mandatory for all residents to attend their floor meetings throughout the year (typically 2-3 per semester). If a meeting is missed, it is the responsibility of the residents to meet with their RA before or after to cover the information required.
- GUESTS** – Residents must obtain the roommate's permission before having a guest. Overnight guests are limited to 2 days in a 7 day period. Students will be held responsible for the actions of any guests. Gatherings in student rooms must be limited to 2 guests per resident and must not disturb others. Residents are not permitted to entertain a large group of individuals. Overnight guests must be registered with the Office of Residence Life. The registered guests of a room do not have the privilege of extending the use of the room to anyone else.
- PERSONAL BELONGINGS** – The Office of Residence Life takes no responsibility for any personal possessions left in the residence halls. Items are left there solely at the risk of the owner. It is therefore advisable to remove all valuables from rooms during closed periods. Residents should also protect themselves by carrying fire, theft, and liability insurance, as the Institute assumes no liability for the personal property of the student. Students are also responsible for theft of leased computers. When a resident's possessions are left in a room and the check out deadline has expired, and no information has been relayed to the Office of Residence Life regarding the plans of the resident, a housing designee will box all belongings and store them for no more than 30 days. **No responsibility will be assumed for the stored items and after 30 days the items will be discarded.**
- RECYCLING** – Bins have been placed in room/halls for storage of recyclable materials. Only recyclable materials may be thrown in the bins. Failure to comply may result in fine.
- ELECTRICAL ITEMS** – Electric kitchen appliances, particularly those with exposed heating elements such as toasters, toaster ovens, hot pots, coffee makers, George Foreman grills are prohibited and may not be stored in any student rooms. Only one microwave (700 watts or less) and one refrigerator (6 amps or less) are permitted in **EACH ROOM**. Multiple-connection outlets must be heavy-duty variety and must contain a built-in circuit breaker or fuse. Electronic projects, test equipment and other electrical devices are not permitted in residence halls if they exceed reasonable limitations. The use of flood lights, air conditioners and space heaters are not permitted in the residence halls without permission of the Office of Residence Life.
- FURNITURE** – Moving Office of Residence Life issued furniture out of one's room is not permitted. Each student is responsible for the furniture in his or her assigned room, and the student will be charged for damaged or missing furniture. Furnishings may not be removed from lounge or other public areas of the Institute. The only additional non-Stevens furniture that may be placed in student rooms if it is agreed by both occupants of the room, and meets health, safety, fire, and appearance standards are one futon or loveseat under 60 inches wide. Waterbeds are not permitted. Mattresses must be kept on the bed frame. The Office of Residence Life will not provide additional furnishings or store Office of Residence Life issued furniture.
- EXTERMINATION** – All insect extermination in the residence halls is mandatory. Residents are not permitted to decline extermination unless there are written medical reasons. Failure to comply with mandatory extermination practices may result in suspension of housing privileges.
- FIRE SAFETY** – Tampering with the fire safety equipment, fire alarms, sprinklers or sensors is prohibited. This includes willfully de-activating any alarm bells or smoke sensors. Displaying fire exit signs in a student room will result in a fine. Fire drills and evacuation of each building, whenever a fire alarm is sounded, are for the protection of all students. **Accidental activation of the fire alarms due to negligence is a violation of Stevens Fire Safety code.** Any violation of fire rules and regulations may result in the loss of residence privileges, as well as a fine.
- HEALTH/SAFETY** – In the interest of fire safety, open flames of any kind are prohibited in and adjacent to the residence halls. Combustibles and other flammable items, including live Christmas trees, accumulations of paper, flammable liquids, candles (with or without wicks), incense, etc., are also prohibited. Halogen lamps are not permitted in the residence halls. Food may be kept in rooms if properly stored in sealed containers. Kitchen facilities are available in each residence hall for the preparation of snacks. Cooking and food wastes must be disposed of properly. **You must STAY with your food and monitor it at ALL times while you are cooking.** Automotive and related equipment may not be stored or repaired in the residence halls. Residents are responsible for keeping their rooms in a sanitary condition consistent with good safety and hygiene. Due to New Jersey State Law, **smoking is NOT permitted in any residence hall.** Pets, excluding fish in an aquarium, are not permitted. Sports, in general, are not permitted in the residence halls. Gambling, the use or possession of weapons, explosives or fireworks is prohibited and will be confiscated by Campus Police. No objects of any kind may be placed on the outside window ledges. Objects may not be allowed on inside ledges or windows if they do not meet appearance and safety standards. The Office of Residence Life reserves the right to address any signs/posters in windows damaging to the campus appearance.
- ACCESS** – Students are not allowed in boiler rooms, on ledges or roofs, maintenance closets or cable closets in the residence halls. Residents are provided keys to operate the outside door of the assigned residence hall and are expected to aid in maintaining the security of their building. **Residents are NOT permitted to copy their room key.** At no time should building entrance doors be propped open or room doors left unlocked when the room is unattended. Hallway and stairwell fire doors must be closed at all times.
- QUIET HOURS** – Televisions, audio equipment and musical instruments are permitted in student rooms. The privilege of having such equipment may be revoked if it disturbs other residents. No antennas are permitted outside the boundaries of the room. Satellite dishes of any kind are not permitted in the residence halls. **Quiet hours are considered essential for all residents. Hours are: Sunday evening through Friday morning 10:00pm-10:00am; 1:00am-10:00am on Friday and Saturday. There will be 24-quiet hours during final exams at the end of each semester.** At times other than quiet hours, students are expected to be considerate of others (Courtesy Hours).
- VANDALISM** – Defacing any area of the residence halls, including graffiti, is prohibited. Any public display of objectionable or offensive material is similarly prohibited.
- PUBLIC DISPLAYS AND POSTINGS** – Residents are not permitted to post, hang or display anything that may be deemed offensive or inappropriate by any student, administrator, or guest. This includes but is not limited to posters, flyers and white-board messages in hallways, on doors or anywhere visible from the exterior. It is the responsibility of all residents to confirm with the Office of Residence Life that any item to be posted is allowed, prior to posting.
- CONSTRUCTION** – Nothing may be bolted or fastened to any wall in a manner that would cause damage to the wall. Furniture bolted to the walls by the Institute may not be removed. All rooms must be left in the original condition at the end of the school year. Any alternations not consistent with Residence Life policies will be corrected immediately at the student's expense. Lofting of beds on other room furniture is prohibited. Any loft built must be free standing, no taller than five (5) feet and must be approved by the Office of Residence Life prior to installation.
- ALCOHOL** – All residents must comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances. Common areas of the residence halls may not be used for gatherings at which alcohol is served. Residents are reminded that it is a disorderly person offense to "serve or make available an alcoholic beverage to a person under the legal age for consuming alcoholic beverages" (NJ Senate bill No. 2312). Residents must comply with all other aspects of the Institute Alcohol Policy. Kegs and beer balls are prohibited. **No alcoholic beverages or the containers they come in are permitted in any room or possession of residents under 21, in substance-free rooms or in freshman/alcohol-free residence halls. No glass collection/paraphernalia – including posters are allowed in the residence halls. Please note that alcohol violations include intoxication, possession, consumption, or being in the presence of but not engaged in consumption of alcohol by minors.**
- NARCOTICS** – Stevens Institute of Technology will not condone the use, sale or possession of illicit drugs, narcotics or other controlled substances on property of the Institute or on property of any affiliated organization recognized by the Institute. No warnings will be issued. An infraction will subject the student to disciplinary action by the Institute in the form of suspension or dismissal. In addition, the student may be subject to prosecution under federal, state and local law.
- KEYS** – Keys may not be copied or loaned to guests. Each student is responsible for their key and access to the building and room. Compounded key replacement fees will apply if keys or ID cards are lost.