

Section 7: Community Responsibilities

Alcohol Policies

Under Minnesota State Law, persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from possessing and consuming any alcoholic beverages.

An alcoholic beverage is defined as any beverage that contains alcohol. This includes nonalcoholic beverages containing 0.5%+ alcohol by volume.

The following constitutes possession of alcohol:

- The physical presence of alcoholic beverages in your assigned room.
- Holding or transporting alcoholic beverages on University premises, including in or around Residence Life buildings.
 - This includes campus parking lots.
- The presence of any community member or guest in any Residence Hall space where alcoholic beverages are also present.
- Selling or providing alcoholic beverages to another community member or guest on University premises.

Bulk alcohol or empty bulk alcohol containers, empty or decorative alcoholic beverage containers, or promotional materials that advertise alcohol brands or the use of alcohol are not allowed in Residence Hall spaces. Examples include, but are not limited to: posters, flags, memorabilia, cans, bottles, kegs, trophy bottles, shot glasses, flasks, crates, cases, boxes, or other devices (real or simulated) used to drink alcohol.

Possessing devices to rapidly consume alcohol or encourage mass consumption of alcohol, such as kegs, funnels, beer bong, and party games specifically intended for the rapid consumption of alcohol like beer pong tables is not allowed in the residence halls.

Oren Gateway Center and Urness Hall Community Policies

- No alcohol is permitted in Oren Gateway Center or Urness Hall.
- No community members assigned to Oren Gateway Center or Urness Hall, or their guests or visitors, are permitted to be under the influence of alcohol while present in Oren Gateway Center or Urness Hall.

For Community Members Under 21 Years of Age

- If all community members assigned to a space are under the age of 21, the space must be alcohol-free at all times. No community members, guests, or visitors may consume or possess alcohol in the space, regardless of age.
- Community members under the age of 21 are prohibited from possessing, consuming, or being in the presence of alcohol.
 - If a community member under the age of 21 is assigned to a space with a community member of legal drinking age, the underage community member may be in the presence of alcohol that is possessed or being consumed by the community member of legal drinking age in their assigned space.

For Community Members 21 or Older

- If at least one community member assigned to a space is of legal drinking age, but other community members assigned to the space are under the age of 21, the community member who is of legal drinking age may possess and consume alcohol in their assigned space.
- Guests and visitors who are of legal drinking age may consume alcohol if their host is of legal drinking age.

- Each individual of legal drinking age present in a space cannot possess more than one open alcoholic container.

Providing Alcohol

Residents may not provide alcohol to a person who is not of legal drinking age. Alcoholic beverages cannot be sold in residence halls.

Public Consumption

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in public areas including lounges, common bathrooms, balconies, and hallways.

Kitchens, living rooms, and bathroom spaces within suites, apartments, townhouses, and floor houses in Anderson Hall, Luther Hall, and Mortensen Hall, are considered **shared spaces** for all community members assigned to those spaces. Community members of legal drinking age may consume alcoholic beverages in shared spaces following applicable laws and policies.

Alcoholic beverages in open containers (glasses, cans, bottles, cups, etc.) may not be transported between rooms/suites.

Public Intoxication and Irresponsible Consumption

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted in public areas

Students, regardless of age, under the influence of alcohol are held responsible for their actions, including lack of personal control.

The following is considered irresponsible drinking and is prohibited (regardless of age):

- Loud, disruptive, or destructive behavior that impacts the Residence Hall living environment;
- Inability to control bodily functions (vomiting, urinating, defecating, incapacitation);
- Passing out in common areas, hallways, rooms;
- Vandalism;
- Violent or abusive behavior toward any University Official, other community member, or guest as a result of consuming alcohol.

Guest Conduct

No guest may possess alcohol in the room/suite of a resident that is under the legal drinking age. Residents are responsible for individuals in their room/suite who are under the legal age and consume alcohol. In these cases, not only the underage consumer may be sanctioned for their behavior, but the resident(s) of the room/suite in which the violation took place may also be sanctioned.

Drug Policies

In compliance with Minnesota state law, federal law, and Augsburg University standards of conduct all Residence Life spaces are drug free spaces. All residents, guests, and visitors are prohibited from possessing or using drugs on Augsburg campus property. Please see the University's [Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy](#) for further information.

The following constitutes drug possession:

- Being under the influence of drugs.
- The physical presence of illegal drugs in your assigned room.
- Possessing prescription medication without a valid physician's prescription.
- Using prescription medication outside of prescribed instructions.

- Using someone else's prescription medication.
- Holding or transporting drugs on University premises, including in or around Residence Life buildings.
 - This includes campus parking lots.
- The presence of any resident or guest in any Residence Life space where drugs are also present.
- Purchasing or procuring drugs, including but not limited to—prescription medications, illegal drugs, or controlled substances—and subsequently selling, giving, or furnishing drugs to another person in and around Residence Life premises.
- The presence of drug paraphernalia, with or without drug residue, on any resident or guest, on their belongings, or in your assigned room.
- The odor or scent of marijuana or other illegal drugs.

Examples of drug paraphernalia include, but are not limited to: bongs, pipes, hookahs, water pipes, or any items modified or adapted so that they can be used to consume drugs. Decorative or promotional materials that promote the use of drugs are not permitted in Residence Life spaces.

Clean Air Policy (Smoking/Vaping)

Smoking of any product is not permitted in any Residence Life spaces. The use of any vapor producing item in Residence Life spaces is not permitted; this includes but is not limited to e-cigarettes, hookahs, and other vapor producing products (vapes).

Community members who are 21 years of age or older are permitted to store, but not use, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, and vapes in Residence Life spaces.

Smoking is permitted only in [designated outside areas](#). Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of all entryways, operable windows, and outdoor air intakes of all indoor facilities, including Residence Hall spaces.

Please see the University's [Smoking/Clean Air Policy](#) for further information.

Common (Public) Area Use

All community members are expected to keep the common shared areas within their Residence Hall clean and usable at all times. This includes, but is not limited to lounges, laundry rooms, study areas, shared bathrooms, hallways, stairwells, and lobbies. All facility concerns, including cleanliness concerns, should be reported through the [Facilities Request Form](#). For urgent concerns, community members should contact the Department of Public Safety at 612-330-1717. Urgent concerns include but are not limited to: presences of bodily fluids, broken glass or windows, electrical concerns, lighting concerns, fire equipment concerns, or water leaks.

Due to potential fire hazards, safety concerns, and maintenance issues, objects may not be stored or left in hallways or stairways.

University furniture provided in a common area may not be removed from the common area. Residence Life [Courtesy and Quiet hours](#) are observed in all common areas.

To reduce the risk of damages occurring in common areas, community members may not participate in any kind of sport, horseplay or physically active game in common areas, unless specific permission is received from the Residence Life professional staff. Types of prohibited sport or activity includes, but not is limited to: bouncing balls, roller blading, skateboarding, riding scooters, bowling, wrestling, playing Frisbee or tag, using squirt guns or having water fights.

Common Area Damage

Any damages to Residence Life furniture, fixtures or facilities, including excessive cleaning costs, in the common area may be charged to individuals responsible for causing damage, or to all community members of

a floor or Residence Hall where damage occurs. If a resident or their guest is found to be responsible for common area damage, the resident is responsible for the cost of the repair/replacement of the damaged items. Charges over \$100 will be assessed to the community members on a floor or Residence Hall, if the individual(s) responsible cannot be determined. Charges may also be initiated for any repetitive incidents, regardless of cost.

Abandoned Property

Personal items, including non-Residence Life issued furniture, left in common areas— including hallways, stairwells, and lobbies— will be considered abandoned property after being left unattended for 48-hours. If a resident or their guest is found to be responsible for abandoning property, the resident is responsible for the cost of the removal of the abandoned property. If the individual(s) responsible for abandoning property cannot be determined, charges may be assessed to community members on a specific floor or Residence Hall depending upon where the abandoned property was located.

Posting Policy

All advertisements, posters, and flyers posted in Residence Life common areas, other than those created by Residence Life staff, must be approved through the Dean of Students Office. Advertisements, posters, and flyers posted without Dean of Students approval or not created by Residence Life staff will be removed. Please see the University's [Posting Policy](#) for further information.

Sales and Solicitation

Residents may not operate any sort of business or sales enterprise, legitimate or otherwise, in Residence Life spaces. This includes, but is not limited to: the sale of products, sale of services, hosting a gaming tournament for profit, etc.

Door to door solicitation is not allowed in Residence Life Spaces This includes the solicitation of goods and services as well as ideas and pertains to all other nonprofit organizations, groups, or persons wishing to address residents at random. Residents should immediately contact Residence Life staff or the Department of Public Safety if solicitors are in Residence Life spaces.

Political Candidate Access

Minnesota Statute 211B.20 states that it is “unlawful for a person, either directly or indirectly, to deny access to...[a] dormitory...” to a candidate who has filed for election to public office or to campaign workers accompanied by the candidate, if the candidate and workers seeking admittance to the facility do so solely for the purpose of campaigning. A violation of this sanction is a petty misdemeanor.

The law does not prohibit limiting visits by candidates or workers accompanied by the candidate to a reasonable number of persons or reasonable hours; requiring a prior appointment to gain access to the facility, or requiring reasonable and proper identification as a necessary prerequisite to admission to a multiple unit dwelling.

Candidates who have filed for election may access the Augsburg University Residence Life spaces for door-to-door campaigning, provided:

1. The candidate or campaign workers must make an appointment to meet with the Director of Public Safety to make arrangements. The Director of Public Safety can be contacted during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.
2. The candidate or a campaign worker must contact the Director of Public Safety at least 48 hours in advance of the day they wish to access Residence Life spaces.
3. A Public Safety Officer must accompany the candidate and campaign worker(s), if any. The Director of Public Safety may designate a student to accompany the candidate or campaign worker.

4. Augsburg University Residence Life staff will provide advance notice to community members. Community members may deny admittance into their personal spaces. Community members will be asked to post a sign on their doors asking not to be bothered if they do not want a candidate or campaign worker to knock on their doors.
5. Candidates must furnish reasonable and proper identification to Public Safety.
6. Visits by candidates and workers accompanied by the candidate for the sole purpose of campaigning are limited to 3 or fewer people and between the hours of 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

Meet and Greet

Candidates and/or campaign workers may also meet and greet students in the lobby of the residence hall(s). Candidates and/or campaign workers must contact the Department of Residence Life at residencelife@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1526 at least two business days in advance of the day they wish to be on campus. If the candidate and/or campaign workers make arrangements to be at a table, they may not go door-to-door in Residence Life spaces.

Laundry Services and Expectations

Laundry services located in each Residence Hall are available for community members assigned to the building to use 24 hours a day. Laundry services are included within Residence Life housing fees.

To see what machines are available to use, community members can visit laundryview.com. To report maintenance issues with laundry machines, community members can visit the www.cscsw.com service website or download the CSC Serviceworks App on their phone. Using the CSC Serviceworks App, community members can scan the license plate on the machine to report issues.

All community members are expected to keep the laundry rooms within their Residence Hall clean and usable at all times. All facility concerns, including cleanliness concerns, should be reported through the [Facilities Request Form](#). Personal items will be considered abandoned property after being left unattended in laundry rooms for 72-hours and will be donated or disposed of as appropriate.

Composting, Recycling, and Trash Expectations

Trash, recycling, and compost disposal areas are provided in Residence Hall. Community members are expected to collect all trash, recyclable, and compost materials in their room or living space (utilizing the bins provided by the University) and dispose of these materials on a regular basis. All recycling, trash, and composting bins provided by the University are to be cleaned and left in spaces upon departure in the same or better condition.

No personal trash may be left in common bathrooms or common areas in Residence Life spaces.

Bodily fluids and biohazards should be disposed of in proper containers and are not permitted in trash, recycling, and compost containers.

Per cleanliness expectations outlined in [Section 4: Caring for Your Space](#), if there are concerns related to improper disposal of trash, recycling, or composting in the unit, Residence Life reserves the right to enter the space to address concerns involving Facilities and Custodial Services, and/or charge related responses to students' accounts.

Donation Collection Expectations

Residence Hall staff will coordinate donation collection at the end of each academic year. Specific instructions about donation processes and acceptable items will be provided to community members via email and posted materials.



For all other donation collection inquiries please see the University's [Donation Box Policy](#) for further information or contact the Department of Residence Life at residencelife@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1526.