

## **Community Living at Michigan Standards**

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## **Section 1: Welcome to the Michigan Housing Community**

### **Welcome**

Welcome to your community! In a university, you learn just as much outside the classroom as you do within it — and much of that learning will happen right here, in your experiences as a resident in Michigan Housing (“M Housing”).

It is important that all members of the M Housing community act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for those around them. As individuals within a community, we all have a responsibility for our own actions, which includes holding ourselves and each other to a higher standard. Together we can build a sustainable community that is learning-centric and growth-oriented.

### **Mission of M Housing**

The mission of M Housing is to create and sustain diverse learning-centered residential communities that further the goals of the University. Through partnership with others, we provide quality programs, services, and facilities for those we serve.

### **Common Terminology**

Throughout this document the following terms are used and defined as:

- “Residential community” refers to all communities within M Housing, undergraduate buildings, graduate and professional buildings, houses, suites, and apartments.
- “Resident” refers to the primary contract holder residing in the space.
- “Room,” “space,” or “assignment” denotes the space which has been contracted: apartment, room, and suite; this is inclusive of storage space connected to the address.
- “Guest” or “Visitor” refers to any person who does not hold an M Housing contract for the specified student room.
- “Household member” refers to individuals other than the contract holder who are authorized to live in the Northwood apartments.
- “Housing Contract” refers to the overarching agreement between residents and M Housing regarding their living space. The Housing Contract, found in your Housing Portal, is inclusive of the contract, [Terms and Conditions](#), and Community Living at Michigan (CLAM). A signed M Housing Contract demonstrates agreement with all provisions.

## **Revisions of the CLAM**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information contained in this electronic document. In general, the CLAM and associated processes are reviewed and adjusted yearly. M Housing reserves the right to change processes, make corrections, or update information as necessary; if that were to occur, contract holders will be notified of material changes.

## **Section 2: Living in M Housing Support and Accommodations**

### **Religious and Cultural Accommodations**

Religious or Cultural accommodation requests should be shared when completing the M Housing general housing application, or soon afterwards. If you have questions or would like to receive information on how to request an accommodation, please contact the M Housing Community Connections and Engagement Office at [hsg-accommodations@umich.edu](mailto:hsg-accommodations@umich.edu). Information can also be found on the [housing website](#).

- Accommodations that may impact a housing room assignment should be made at the time of applying for housing or soon afterwards. See the [M Housing Terms and Conditions](#) for details.
- Accommodations must be approved before modifications to facilities occur or prohibited items are brought into the residential community. This may include but is not limited to university installation of a bidet or other item, lock change, or a room relocation.
- Bidets are only permitted in Northwood Community Apartments and must be installed by the Student Life Facilities staff. The resident is responsible for purchasing a seat-style bidet from the approved list. To request a bidet, contact [hsg-accommodations@umich.edu](mailto:hsg-accommodations@umich.edu).
- The use of candles and incense is not permitted inside M Housing residence halls or apartments. Candles and incense may be permitted, with approval from the Fire Marshall, for one-time use outdoors on University property at a designated date and time. For additional information, contact the M Housing Community Connections and Engagement Office at [hsg-accommodations@umich.edu](mailto:hsg-accommodations@umich.edu).
- Outdoor religious structures (e.g. sukkahs) must be approved through the [University Outdoor Event Policy](#) process.

## **Medical and Disability Accommodations**

Detailed information regarding a request for medical, health, or disability-related accommodation can be found on the [housing website](#) and as part of the housing application process. Requests are reviewed as they are received by the Services for Students with Disabilities Office (SSD). Contact the M Housing Community Connections and Engagement Office at [hsg-accommodations@umich.edu](mailto:hsg-accommodations@umich.edu) or SSD at [ssdoffice@umich.edu](mailto:ssdoffice@umich.edu) with questions.

## **Inclusive Community and Campus Climate Concerns**

Members of the residential community that have been harmed or negatively impacted by an incident based on their identity can report their concern to a M Housing full time or student ResStaff member. These concerns may include, for example, feeling targeted because of an identity they hold or something personal to the individual, not feeling a sense of belonging or inclusion, intercultural conflict, or something occurring nationally or on campus. It may also include being impacted by discrimination, harassment, bullying, bias or prejudice-motivated actions or unfair treatment by an employee, resident, or visitor of M Housing. These concerns can be reported in the following ways:

### **Community Connections and Engagement Team:**

The M Housing Community Connections and Engagement Team, made up of full time staff, are available to meet with residents and provide follow up when they are impacted by a situation. The team can be reached at [connectandengage@umich.edu](mailto:connectandengage@umich.edu). Their offices are located in The Connector (West Quad) at 603 East Madison Street.

### **ResStaff: Diversity Peer Educator (DPE) or Resident Advisor (RA) or ResStaff**

#### **Coordinators (RSC)**

DPEs, RAs, and RSCs serve as a resource to support residents who are harmed or impacted because of their identities. For guidance on how to contact a DPE, RA, and RSC, please ask a staff member at the Community Center or call the nightly duty phone number located at the Community Center.

### **Full time Staff: Hall Director or Community Center Manager**

Residents can find contact information for their Hall Director and Community Center Manager on the [M housing website](#). On that page, select the “Housing” tab at the top right of the page to find the desired Housing community. The staff names and contact information are noted under “Helpful Information” located on the right of the page.

### **On-Campus Resources**

- **Division of Public Safety and Security (DPSS)** at 734-763-1131
- **Equity, Civil Rights, and Title IX Office (ECRT)** at [ecrt.umich.edu](mailto:ecrt.umich.edu) at 734-763-0235
- **Equity, Civil Rights, and Title VI Office (ECRT)** at [ecrt.umich.edu](mailto:ecrt.umich.edu) at 734-763-0235
- **Dean of Students Office (DOS)** at [DeanofStudents@umich.edu](mailto:DeanofStudents@umich.edu), at 734-764-7420 or <https://deanofstudents.umich.edu/campus-climate-support>
- **Submit an Anonymous Report** at [https://umich-advocate.symplicity.com/care\\_report/](https://umich-advocate.symplicity.com/care_report/)

## **Section 3: Community Living Standards**

Part of being in community at M Housing includes expectations, which are outlined in this section: Community Living Standards (CLS). In addition to holding themselves to these standards, community members are expected to ensure that guests and visitors adhere to them.

Residents who do not reach the standards of the CLAM and/or the Statement, by action or inaction, will engage in different processes that are designed to encourage growth, discuss ownership of actions, and restore harm, if possible.

### **Community Expectations**

#### General Laws and Standards

- Residents must comply with all federal, state, local, and University rules and regulations.
- Items prohibited in Michigan Housing may not be mailed to any Michigan Housing package room.

#### Involvement in Infractions

- Individuals should act in good faith to remove themselves from situations that may violate the CLAM and/or the Statement and to report such violations to M Housing staff.
- Facilitating a violation or remaining present while a violation occurs (e.g., staying in a space where alcohol is being consumed against University policy; being a spectator to an act of vandalism) is prohibited.

#### Animals

- Pets in M Housing are prohibited, except as outlined below.

- Residents are permitted to keep fish, as the only allowable pet, in their room under the following conditions:
  - All residents of the room/apartment agree to have a fish tank in the room;
  - Fish tank size cannot exceed 10 U.S. gallons in any residential community;
  - Flesh-eating species (e.g., piranha) are not permitted;
  - All appropriate precautions must be taken to ensure that the electrical connection to the fish tank is safe, and that other potential hazards have been properly addressed;
  - Maintenance of the fish and tank, including over break periods, must be ensured.
- Residents with approved emotional support animals and service animals must abide by the [Terms and Conditions](#) and expectations discussed in the approval process.

#### **Public Health-Informed Policies and Expectations**

- Individuals are required to comply with health and safety laws, orders, ordinances, regulations and health and safety guidance adopted by the University or M Housing as it relates to public health crises. This includes abiding by mitigation protocols designed to reduce the spread of communicable illnesses, such as de-densifying, quarantine/isolation, and testing, when deemed appropriate by University public health officials.
- Individuals are required to comply with the University Vaccine policy which can be viewed at [https://ehs.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/COVID-19\\_Vaccination\\_Policy.pdf](https://ehs.umich.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/COVID-19_Vaccination_Policy.pdf)
- Individuals are prohibited from creating a health or safety hazard within M Housing and the University may request or require a resident to leave M Housing if their continued presence in the housing community poses a health or safety risk for community members.
- Upon reasonable notice, M Housing reserves the right to terminate housing contracts due to public health emergency needs. In the event M Housing terminates housing contracts due to public health concerns, UM will offer fair and reasonable reimbursements for impacted students as appropriate and based on information available at that time.

## Alcohol and Other Drugs

All M Housing facilities and their residents, guests, and visitors are required to be in compliance with state and local laws regarding alcoholic beverages. All federal, state, and local laws regarding illegal drugs will be strictly enforced. The [University of Michigan Alcohol and Other Drugs \(AOD\) Policy for Students, Faculty, and Staff](#) serves as the overarching document on this topic.

### Alcohol Possession and/or Consumption

- Unauthorized possession, consumption, or providing of alcohol to others contrary to law or University policy is prohibited.
- Michigan law prohibits a minor from purchasing, consuming, or possessing, or attempting to purchase, consume, or possess, alcoholic liquor and from having any bodily alcohol content.
- To better ensure that individuals at medical risk as a result of alcohol intoxication will receive prompt and appropriate medical attention, the State of Michigan provides for [medical amnesty](#).
  - This removes any perceived barriers to calling for or seeking help.
  - Students who request Medical Amnesty will not face criminal prosecution in connection with their alcohol or other drug use.
  - Students will engage in the [Housing Conduct process](#) when an alleged Housing policy violation is documented.

### Alcohol and Drug Paraphernalia

- Possession of alcohol and/or drug-related paraphernalia is prohibited.
- This includes, but is not limited to, any items used to facilitate illicit or high-risk alcohol and/or drug use. As examples, drinking game tables, beer funnels, bongs, roach clips, hookah/water pipes or pens, hash-style pipes, scales, and vaporizers.
- Displays that promote an alcohol or drug culture or that include alcohol related logos will also be considered paraphernalia.

### Residents over the Age of 21

- Residents who are 21 years of age or older may bring small amounts of alcohol, in accordance with other CLAM policies, for personal consumption into the space to which they have been assigned, provided the space is not designated substance-free.
- Residents of age who use alcohol legally are expected to do so in a responsible manner. Irresponsible and inappropriate behavior, where alcohol is a contributing factor, will not be tolerated.
- Distributing alcohol to minors, including one's roommate, is illegal, in violation of University policy, and prohibited.

#### Common Sources of Alcohol

- Common sources of alcohol, including but not limited to a keg, case, 1/5th, and handle, regardless of age, are prohibited.

#### Events and Alcohol

- Advertising that implies or explicitly cites the availability of alcohol (including by advertising a cover or admission charge) at any function or party, private or otherwise, is prohibited.
- The sale of cups and mixers to be used for alcohol is prohibited.

#### Drug Possession and/or Consumption

- Unauthorized possession, manufacture, distribution, use, or being under the influence of illegal drugs or unauthorized controlled substances is prohibited in an M Housing facility. Marijuana is an illegal substance under federal law and not permitted in M Housing.

#### Prescription Drugs

- Use of prescription drugs by persons other than those they are prescribed for, or for any reason other than the intended use as directed by their doctor, is prohibited.
- Medicinal marijuana is prohibited per [university policy](#).

#### Inhalants

- Deliberate misuse of any chemicals, substance, or other product that has mood-altering capabilities, outside of its singular and legally intended use, is prohibited.

#### Substance-Free Areas

- Possession or use of substances such as alcohol, illegal drugs, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, and other smoking and tobacco materials in a substance-free area is prohibited.
- Residents who are assigned to a substance-free space may be moved or have their contract terminated if they or their guests possess or use such substances in a substance-free space.

## Smoking

- Tobacco use or smoking/vaping in any area of M Housing, or on-campus, is prohibited.
- Electronic nicotine delivery systems including vapes, vape pens, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, hookah pens, and smokeless tobacco products are prohibited.
- Refer to the [University's Tobacco Free Policy](#).

## Care and Maintenance of Rooms, Apartments, Suites, and Common Spaces

### Health and Safety

The importance of providing a clean and healthy environment for residents is the responsibility of all members of housing communities. This includes, but is not limited to: bathrooms, community kitchens, and lounges. M Housing may remove residents from their residential space, temporarily or permanently, if they pose a safety or health risk to community members.

- Possession of potentially hazardous materials, to conspire to damage the sanitary and safe environment, or to engage in activities that do so is prohibited.
- Leaving biohazards (e.g., urine/feces/vomit) in trash cans/trash closets/recycle bins/shower stalls or a bottle is a serious community health hazard and is prohibited.
  - Biohazards must be disposed of in appropriate methods such as the toilet or sharps container.
- Maintaining a clean residential bathroom space is expected of all residents.

### Housekeeping and Pest Control

It is expected that communities maintain high standards of housekeeping and cleanliness; the assigned space and furnishings must be kept clean and sanitary. You are expected to call the Facilities Service Center (734-647-2059) promptly if insect or rodent activity is discovered and cooperate fully with the University's prevention and/or treatment program. You may also complete an [online request](#).

Intentional or unintentional repeated reintroduction of pests (e.g., bedbugs) may be grounds for restitution or contract termination.

- Wrapping kitchen walls, windows, cabinets, or stoves with foil or other coverings is prohibited.
- Placing garbage in stairways, breezeways, vestibules, patios, storage lockers, or anywhere other than in the dumpsters (for

Northwood Community Apartments) and designated trash closets (in residence halls and Munger Graduate Residences) is prohibited.

#### Unauthorized Use of Items

- Taking the property of any other person (including other residents, students, visitors, or staff) or of the University or M Housing without permission (e.g., others' laundry from laundry rooms, lounge furnishings) is prohibited.
- Removing flatware, glasses, or dishware from any Michigan Dining Hall is prohibited.
- Removing lounge furniture from assigned areas is prohibited.
- Using others' items, such as a roommate's items, without permission (such as clothes, bathroom and laundry supplies, or electronic devices) is prohibited.

#### Property Damage and Alteration

- Vandalizing, damaging, or defacing M Housing property or the property of others is prohibited.
- Any item or alteration on ceiling lights and lamps of any type including but not limited to fabric, hats, towels, and clothing is prohibited.
- Any item hanging over the sprinkler pipes or sprinklers is prohibited.

#### Environmental Responsibility

- Residents should conscientiously participate in all environmental conservation efforts including those concerning energy, waste, water, and food.
- Depositing waste anywhere other than in labeled bins for landfill, recycling, or compost, as appropriate to the item, is prohibited.
- Disposing of oil, grease, gasoline, or other automotive fluids on the grounds, in storm drains, or in plumbing receptacles, and using toilets, sinks, and other plumbing fixtures for any purpose other than those which they were designed for is prohibited.
- Some items are prohibited within M Housing as noted in this document and on the website. If any of these items are found to be in a resident space, the resident(s) will be requested to remove them from the building immediately. If the item is not removed within a specified timeframe or in cases where the safety of residents may be at risk, The University reserves the

right to impound unauthorized or prohibited personal property. Residents will be held financially and contractually responsible for damages incurred as a result of possession or use of prohibited items.

#### Resident Room Alterations and Decorations

- Air conditioners not owned and installed by M Housing are prohibited.  
(\*Northwood Community Apartments - contact [hsg-fac-businessoffice@umich.edu](mailto:hsg-fac-businessoffice@umich.edu) for approval and installation of air conditioners.)
- Painting or structurally altering rooms/apartments in any way is prohibited.
  - This includes but is not limited to: painting, using wallpaper, changing the interior finish, removing, modifying, or tampering with any room fixture or component including doors, walls, ceilings, floors, windows, electrical systems, pipe systems, and safety systems.
- Nailing, bolting, or otherwise permanently attaching items to any part of the building is prohibited.
  - Interior room door decorations and wall hangings may be hung using only no-nail type picture hangers or painter's tape. If there is any question about a decoration, the resident should check with M Housing staff.
- Adhering or placing decorations in or on any wall, floor, window, door, lighting fixture, or ceiling in any portion of any residential community is prohibited

#### Resident Room Doors and Windows

Michigan Housing does not permit residents to display anything on resident room doors or in windows. This also applies to other doors in residence halls, such as custodian closets and office doors.

- Decorations, flyers, signs, whiteboards, flags, or any other element may not be posted or affixed to exterior/public facing room/suite doors or door frames unless approved by Michigan Housing.
- Decorations, flyers, signs, dry erase/chalkboards, flags, or any other element may not be posted, affixed, or displayed in any student room windows.

## Resident Room Furnishings

- Removing or using M Housing furniture in any way except according to the manufacturer's approved configurations is prohibited.
- Pianos and organs are prohibited (except in Northwood I, II, IV, and V Community Apartments).
- Prohibited items include:
  - Hand held bidets
  - Heating vent covers
  - 3D Printers
  - Refrigerators not owned by M Housing greater than 5.5-cubic foot capacity and/or amperage draw of more than 1.5 amps.
  - Subwoofers
  - Trampolines
  - Waterbeds and water chairs

## Terms and Conditions

- Not abiding by the [Terms and Conditions](#) of the Housing Contract is prohibited.

## Appropriate Use of Michigan Housing Spaces

### Occupancy of Resident Spaces

- Occupying a residential space that is not assigned to the resident or loaning an assigned space to another person is prohibited.
  - As an example, four residents cannot, even voluntarily, use one double room for a living room and another double room for sleeping.
- Subletting of any kind is prohibited.
- Pressuring a resident to make a swap, including making offers of monetary compensation or other incentives or rewards is prohibited. Residents who make such offers may have their contract terminated.

### Sleeping in Unauthorized Space

- Sleeping in an unauthorized space or public community space is prohibited.
  - Spaces where sleeping is not allowed include any space that is not contracted as a bedroom.

### Roofs, Roof Decks, and Ledges

- The presence of individuals or objects on a roof, roof deck, or ledge is prohibited.
- Use of doors and windows that lead to roofs, decks, and ledges for purposes other than maintenance or University staff entry is prohibited.

### Window Systems

- Tampering with or removing any window screens, latches, stops, or apparatus in any part of M Housing is prohibited.
- Except in an emergency, entering or leaving through a window is prohibited.

### Throwing or Hanging Items from Building

- Throwing, dropping, propelling, pouring, or hanging of anything from windows, interior pipes, balconies, ledges, and landings is strictly prohibited.
- Attaching or hanging items over any part of the outside of the building or hanging on an outward-facing window, (interior or exterior) regardless of content, is prohibited.

### Obstruction of Interior and Exterior Grounds

- Obstructing entrances, sidewalks, passages, hallways, stairways, landings, vestibules, and planter areas, as well as all other common areas of the grounds, is prohibited.
- Altering the building or grounds in any way, including installing fences in Northwood courtyards is prohibited.
- Storage of personal property (shoes/boots, outdoor equipment, toys, and outdoor equipment or other items), in these areas, particularly when it jeopardizes ingress, egress, M Housing, or the health and safety of the community, is prohibited.
- M Housing reserves the right to remove personal property left in public areas, at the owner's expense.
- Outside clotheslines, whether temporary or permanent, or the installation of outdoor hammocks is prohibited.

## Improper Use of Building Technology Infrastructure

- Tampering with cable equipment, line connections or hook-up in resident spaces, corridor equipment closets, or building equipment closets is prohibited.

## Community Memorials

- Memorials are permitted with approval by Residence Education and cannot block hallways, walkways, or other areas of egress. Residence Education will work with the requesting resident to find an appropriate space, you can contact [ResidenceEducation@umich.edu](mailto:ResidenceEducation@umich.edu). Memorials are permitted to remain up for 15 calendar days.

## Entry Into Michigan Housing Spaces

### Space Access

- Unauthorized use, possession, lending, or duplication of M Housing room keys or keycards is prohibited.
- Attaching locks, bolts, chains, or other locking devices, besides those installed by the University, is prohibited.

### Unauthorized Entry

- Unauthorized entry into any M Housing property, including restricted access areas of residence halls/apartments, is prohibited.
  - These areas include, but are not limited to, any place that is officially closed, restricted only to designated persons (including other resident rooms/apartments, and maintenance access points), or where the safety and welfare of residents could be endangered.

### MCard Access to Dining Halls

- Lending one's MCard or transferring meal plans to another person is prohibited.
- Lending one's mobile credentials including but not limited to use of the GET Mobile app or by way of a screenshot to another person is prohibited.
- Allowing use of one's M Dining credits by another person may result in cancellation of meal plans without a refund and additional charges. See the [Michigan Dining Website](#) for details.

## Fire Safety

### Bicycles and Electric or Battery Powered Mobility Devices

- Self-Balancing Personal Transportation Devices and electric or battery powered mobility devices may not be inside any University building. This includes but is not limited to hoverboards, skateboards, scooters, skates, bicycles, single-wheel boards, and e-unicycles. See the University [policy here](#).
- Electric or battery powered mobility devices may not be charged inside any University building.
- Exceptions are assistive devices utilized by a person with a disability that are approved by Michigan Housing through the housing accommodations process in advance.
- Leaving bicycles in public areas (e.g., hallways, stairwells, balconies) or attaching them to banisters or access ramps is prohibited.
  - Bicycles that are parked or chained to something other than a bike rack may be impounded by the Department of Public Safety and Security. Throughout the year, bicycle racks are cleared of abandoned bikes and bicycle parts. Bicycles removed by the University will be held for 30 days and are then considered abandoned.

### Fireworks, Explosives, Weapons, or Dangerous Chemicals

- Possession, manufacture, use, sale, or distribution of weapons, fireworks, ammunition, explosives, flammable liquids, and all other hazardous materials is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Lighters, torches, or fuel.
  - Liquefied petroleum gasses, compressed and/or flammable gasses, or liquids, except for personal care products with use per manufacturer's instruction.

### Fire Hazards

- Natural, cut trees, branches, and/or greens (such as holiday trees, wreaths, and garlands) are prohibited.
- Space heaters are prohibited (\*Northwood residents should review Section 4: Specific Community Considerations for additional guidance)
- Resident grills and smokers are prohibited (\*Northwood residents should review Section 4: Specific Community

Considerations for additional guidance)

- Humidifiers and dehumidifiers of all types are prohibited due to the impact on the electrical load and the fire alarm system. To request a health related accommodation, submit a request to [hsg-accommodations@umich.edu](mailto:hsg-accommodations@umich.edu) for review
- Keeping any item that may pose a fire hazard is prohibited including but not limited to:
  - Lit cigarettes, vaporizers, e-cigarettes, or other lit smoking devices; lit or unlit incense; lit or unlit candles including candle warmers, wax warmers and diffusers; natural cut trees, branches, or greens; halogen lamps; multiple power strips plugged into each other; and any open flame source.
  - Burning of incense, sage, or any object within the buildings, or evidence of these items.
  - Electric blankets and Heating pads without an automatic shutoff
  - Fireplaces
  - Tanning beds
- Kitchen-Related Items that are prohibited include:
  - Appliances with heating coils or open heat sources (e.g., toaster ovens, toasters, hot plates and pots, s'mores makers).
  - All cooking appliances are prohibited in a residence hall room, except for electrical coffee pots, electric tea kettle, or rice cookers with an automatic shut off. They shall be UL-listed or labeled and used in accordance with the listing or labeling instructions from the manufacturer.
    - Slow cookers are only allowed in Northwood Community Apartments and Munger Graduate Residences shared spaces.
    - Personal cooking devices and/or microwaves are not permitted in individual resident bedrooms in Munger Graduate Residences and Northwood apartments.
  - Oil-based popcorn poppers.
  - Foil-lined cupboards, stove, and/or walls.
  - Undercounter dishwashers are prohibited.

## Evacuation

- Failing to immediately evacuate when a fire alarm sounds or re-entry into a building before an all-clear signal is prohibited.

#### Tampering with Fire or other Safety Equipment

- Tampering with any fire fighting equipment, including, but not limited to, fire alarms, fire extinguishers, fire hoses, exit lights, smoke detectors, and sprinkler systems, is prohibited.
- Covering or removing smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, unauthorized use of fire extinguishers, or hanging items on sprinkler heads or pipes is prohibited.
- Activating a false fire alarm is prohibited.

### **Guests**

#### Guests and Behavior

- Residents are responsible for the behavior of their guests, dependents, affiliates, and non-affiliates and must inform them of M Housing policies.
- Residents hosting any individual who has an active trespass restriction prohibiting entry into M Housing owned or operated property is prohibited.

#### Guests and Roommate Rights

- It is expected that roommates discuss their preferences with respect to all visitation in the room/apartment. Visitation of one roommate should not infringe on the rights of other roommates.
- A preference for “no visitation” on the part of one resident does not prevent a roommate from having guests in the residential space. It is expected that roommates come to agreement regarding visiting hours and frequency, within the parameters of Michigan Housing policy.

#### Escorting Guests

- Leaving guests unattended, or failing to escort them to and from the bathroom and lounges, is prohibited.
- Leaving children, defined as under the age of 16, unattended or unsupervised is prohibited.
  - Verification of parental/guardian permission of guests who are minors must be shared if requested.

#### Guest Use of Restrooms and Community Spaces

- M Housing supports resident and guest use of the residential restroom/bathroom facilities in accordance with their gender identity.
- Many buildings have at least one inclusive restroom for resident and guest use. Residential restroom/bathroom facilities use the labels women, men, and restroom.

#### Visitation Hours

Residents and their guests are required to comply with visitation guidelines and policies established in the location where they live or are visiting. M Housing reserves the right to withdraw guest privileges at any time for any reason. Residents are fully responsible at all times for the conduct/actions of guests or visitors.

- **For undergraduate residences (including the residence halls and Northwood undergraduate spaces)** overnight guests are allowed only with the consent of other roommates, and are restricted to a maximum three (3) day stay at any one time and no more than a total of six (6) nights of overnight stays per month.
  - During final exams and the weekend preceding final exams, regardless of roommate consent, overnight guests are prohibited.
- For **Northwood I, II, IV and V** guests are allowed up to four (4) weeks during a six (6) month period if living in a non-shared apartment. Guests are defined as anyone who is not a household member (as defined by the Household member Policy).
  - Guests staying beyond the four week period are prohibited.
  - Guests exceeding occupancy limits of the Apartment are prohibited.
- For **Northwood I, II, IV and V and Munger Graduate Residences** single graduate students in shared apartments may have an overnight guest(s) no more than a total of seven (7) overnight stays per month. It is expected that you discuss your preferences with respect to all guests in the Apartment with roommate(s). Guests exceeding occupancy limits of the Apartment are prohibited.

#### Physical Safety and Security

Any behavior or action that inadvertently causes or could reasonably cause serious physical injury, unreasonable disturbance to others, or serious property damage is prohibited. This includes but is not limited to the following behaviors and items:

#### Creating an Unsafe Environment

- Propping open outside doors or tampering with locking mechanisms.
- Bed risers and other materials that elevate the bed or other modular furniture elements that are not shown in one of the manufacturer's approved configurations.
- Pesticides (such as commercially available bug bombs, bug spray, or poison bait).
- Mercury thermometers (If a mercury thermometer on campus breaks, the resident will be charged for the mercury spill cleanup with costs ranging from \$300 or more.)
- Tampering with elevator equipment, prying open or propping open elevator doors, jumping up and down in an elevator and riding on top of an elevator, or jumping from a stairwell.
- Tampering with or damaging security devices, including but not limited to security cameras, locking mechanisms, and card readers.
- Excessive room occupancy and pranks that create a safety hazard.
- Leaving items, such as boots or floor mats, in hall corridors.
- Fog machines.
- Not stopping for school buses with red lights flashing and driving/parking on lawns.
- Sleeping pods, capsules, or enclosures that interfere with hearing a fire alarm or evacuating a room or building
- Tampering with fire safety equipment or negligently creating a fire hazard

#### Technology and Electrical Items

- Electronic doorbells, doorbell cameras, Ring or other home security cameras, or outdoor surveillance cameras are prohibited.
- Wireless routers and other technologies are prohibited (see [U-M Network Proper Use Agreement](#)) (except in Northwood IV and V Community Apartments)
- Satellite dishes mounted in any fashion to any interior or exterior area are prohibited
- Extension cords higher than 16 gauge (e.g., 18 or 20 gauge) are prohibited
- Electrical Outlet Extenders (devices that can be screwed into a light bulb socket that has an electrical outlet - the light bulb is then screwed into the extender) are prohibited
- Outlet Splitters, Multi-plug adaptors, or other similar extenders not otherwise permitted

## Violence

The University of Michigan is committed to creating a community free from violence.

- Violence of any type, including those enumerated in the Statement whether against family members, visitors, or other residents and whether conducted in person, via forms of electronic communications, or by other means, is prohibited.

## Weapons

- The possession, use, or threatened use of weapons on University property is prohibited. The following items are a non-exhaustive list of things that are prohibited and considered a weapon:
  - Guns, BB guns, airsoft guns, any projectile weapon, water guns, water balloon launchers, Nerf guns, paintball guns, ammunition (live or empty), explosives, dangerous chemicals, martial arts weapons, or any other objects as weapons (i.e. metal knuckles, blackjack, sap, or similar instruments).
  - Weapons owned or used for decorative or collecting purposes.
  - Knives with blades longer than three (3) inches.
    - Kitchen knives with blades longer than three (3) inches are allowed in the Northwood Community Apartments, Henderson House, and Munger Graduate Residences as these dwellings have kitchens in each unit.

## Prohibited Behaviors

### Disruptive Behavior

- Behavior that is disruptive to orderly community living is prohibited. This includes disruptions to the physical spaces, living environment, and/or towards individuals' ability to live and study. A non-exhaustive list of examples include:
  - Throwing items in the hallways, bouncing balls, engaging in horseplay.
  - Riding a bike or scooter, skateboarding, rollerblading, and other sports.
  - Using devices such as laser pointers with the purpose or result of causing irritation, injury, or anger.
  - Public nudity, urinating in public, screaming or yelling, and sexual activity in common areas.
  - Pressuring or coercing another contract holder to agree to a room swap or room change.

The sections below identify items that are prohibited in Michigan Housing spaces. For a comprehensive list, see [Policies](#) on the

Michigan Housing Website.

#### Solicitation and Canvassing Activities

- Solicitation activities, including but not limited to payment for the sale of merchandise is prohibited in Michigan Housing.
- Requesting residents to participate in surveying and/or research projects is only permitted with prior approval from M Housing.
- Door-to-door canvassing and posting of flyers is prohibited.
- This policy is in addition to the [University of Michigan Guidelines for Posting Flyers, Posters, and Other Related Items on University Property.](#)
- [See more detail on the Michigan Housing Policy page.](#)

#### Operating a Business

- Conducting a business or commercial enterprise that interferes with the daily operation of the residential community is prohibited, unless it meets all of the following standards:
  - a. the space is used primarily as a living place;
  - b. advertisements or signs are not placed on any portion of the inside or outside of the building or related areas which are not reserved for notices;
  - c. conduct of the business does not result in the violation of any other Community Living Standard or University regulation; and
  - d. The business is in compliance with all permits, licenses, and applicable laws.
- Using M Housing mail rooms for commercial use is prohibited.
- Residents should reach out to the Housing Support & Community Responsibility staff at [hscrprocess@umich.edu](mailto:hscrprocess@umich.edu) with questions regarding being in compliance.

#### Behavior Toward University Staff

- All individuals are expected to demonstrate respect and consideration for University staff, including ResStaff and any M Housing student staff member working within their job functions.
- Abusive or threatening language or actions towards staff is prohibited.

- Interfering with M Housing staff that prevents them from working within their job functions is prohibited.

#### Failure to Comply with M Housing Staff Members

- Deliberately not following verbal, written, or published instructions by M Housing staff members, when they are working within the appropriate performance of their duties, is prohibited.

#### Failure to Present Identification

- Withholding proper University identification (or other identification if a non-student) from University staff is prohibited.

#### Failure to Respond to a Notification

Residents are required to make contact with M Housing officials or staff when requested to do so regarding an incident, within 24 hours (one business days) of receiving a notification via email, phone call, voicemail, or letter, unless otherwise stated in the notification.

#### Supplying False Information

- Deliberately supplying staff with false or misleading information (e.g., providing a false name or lying to staff) is prohibited.
- Possessing and/or providing fake or fraudulent identification is prohibited.

#### Possession of Stolen Items

- Possession of stolen property, regardless of what was stolen or by whom, is prohibited.

#### Gambling

- Exchanging money, property, or services in any form of gambling is prohibited.

#### **Quiet and Courtesy Hours**

- Noise and activities that disrupt study sleep and “quiet hours” (as described below) are prohibited.

During quiet hours, spaces should be free from excessive noise. Residents participating in noise producing activities, such as conversation, listening to music, or watching television, are expected to keep their doors closed. Sounds from these and any activities

should not be audible outside the space. Any noise made in lounges or other common areas should not be audible inside resident spaces that have their doors closed. M Housing staff may request residents to cease an activity in order to limit noise that could adversely affect the community.

Quiet hours Residence Halls and Northwood I, II are:

Sunday–Thursday, 11 pm–8 am

Friday–Saturday, 12 am–9 am

Quiet hours for Northwood IV & V are:

Daily, 9pm – 9am

Quiet Hours for Lawyers Club and Munger Graduate Residences are:

Sunday–Thursday, 11 pm–8 am

Friday–Saturday, 12 am–9 am

Courtesy Hours

Courtesy is expected 24 hours a day. This includes noise that may disrupt study or sleep during hours outside of designated “Quiet Hours”

Extended Quiet Hours

During study days and final exam periods, 24-hour quiet hours are in effect.

**Any question of interpretation regarding the Community Living Standards shall be referred to HSCR ([HSCRprocess@umich.edu](mailto:HSCRprocess@umich.edu)) or designee for final determination.**

## **Section 4: Specific Community Considerations**

## **Northwood Apartment Community Specifics**

Due to the nature of the Northwood residential community, some items are allowed that are not permitted in other areas. If a Northwood resident is unsure about an item, check with [housing@umich.edu](mailto:housing@umich.edu). All items listed must, where applicable, be Underwriters Laboratory (UL)-certified. You will be held responsible for damages incurred as a result of unsafe use of permitted items.

### **Appliances**

- Freezers and additional refrigerators are permitted in Northwood IV and V only
- Over the counter dishwashers are permitted in Northwood I, II, IV and V.
- Grills/Barbeque grills: only commercially purchased charcoal or propane may be used in Northwood Community Apartments. The use of any grill at any time must occur outside of the apartment on the ground level in an open-air environment. Burning of wood, twigs, dry brush, and other items is prohibited.
  - Use of grills on upper level stairwell landings is prohibited.
  - Propane tanks are allowed outside of the apartments for use with gas grills only.
- Space heaters: Portable electric baseboard and flat panel heaters are permitted. These heaters must meet the following criteria: (a) must be electrically powered, (b) must be an oil-filled heater, (c) must have automatic overheat shutoff protection, and (d) must automatically shut off when tipped over.
- Washers and dryers are permitted in Northwood I if a hookup is present (See [Laundry Options](#))

### **Playground Equipment and Toys**

- Outdoor playground equipment and inflatable toys, exceeding six feet in height, are prohibited. All outdoor toys are the responsibility of each resident; they should be labeled properly and should not be left outside in courtyards, common areas or in sandboxes. All toys must be placed indoors or stored in areas specifically designated for storage such as fenced toy lots or apartment patios when not being used.
  - Parents and/or legal guardians will be held responsible if their toys or equipment contribute to an unsafe condition or negative appearance that impacts the aesthetics of the overall Northwood Community. Some examples include toys or equipment that obstruct walkways, ingress, and egress or appear to be broken and/or abandoned. Toys/outdoor

equipment that are not properly labeled and/or stored will be visibly tagged for potential removal by University staff.

If after 48 hours the tagged item has not been removed or stored it may be removed by University staff.

- Surface water pools are permitted in NW I, II, IV and V and cannot exceed four feet in diameter and two feet in depth. Children in or around pools must be supervised by a parent or someone charged by the parent with the responsibility of supervision at all times. Pools must be emptied (and stored in a manner that prevents water from collecting) when not in use.

#### Patio Furniture

- Patio furniture is allowed but must remain in patio areas. In the event University personnel are required to move such furniture to conduct their duties, the University will not be responsible for damages. Residents will be held financially responsible for any labor charges.

#### Children's Safety

- Children may not be left for any period of time without adult supervision. Parents and/or legal guardians are held responsible at all times for the behavior of their children. The University retains the right to use all available contract provisions and to cooperate with any local or state agency when cases of child neglect or abuse are made known.
- During University activities involving children, such as programming in Northwood Community Apartments, the supervision responsibility remains with the family or family designee and not University staff. Please review the [Children on Campus Policy](#) for more information.

## **Section 5: Housing Support & Community Responsibility**

While living in M Housing, students who allegedly violate a Housing policy as outlined in the CLAM may go through the M Housing Support & Community Responsibility (HSCR) Process. The [HSCR Process](#) has been developed with restorative justice principles in mind, while still recognizing the balance of needs with individuals and a community as a whole. The process strives to resolve conflicts by promoting understanding and appreciation of the community living standards, encouraging residents to take responsibility for their own actions, ownership for their community, and engage with all the affected community members in the resolution. The HSCR process, uses a preponderance of the evidence as the standard of proof.

Because some of the violations of the CLAM are also violations of the law, residents may be accountable to both the legal system and the University. Additionally, M Housing reserves the right to file a complaint under the [Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) against a resident. These processes are separate and may occur independently or simultaneously.

M Housing recognizes that each situation is unique, and conflicts will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

For more information about the HSCR Process, please see the [M Housing Website](#) at or contact [HSCRprocess@umich.edu](mailto:HSCRprocess@umich.edu).

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