Know the Code:

Residence Hall Policy Survival Tips!

Welcome to the CU Boulder Campus!

The official Residence Hall Handbook is available online at: http://housing.colorado.edu/policies-procedures/residence-hall-handbook.

On this bulletin board you will find some useful highlights from the handbook.
Please look over this information and GO BUFFS!!!
The purpose of the Student Conduct Code is to maintain the general welfare of the university community. The university strives to make the campus community a place of study, work and residence where people are treated—and treat one another—with respect and courtesy. The university views the student conduct process as a learning experience that can result in growth and personal understanding of one’s responsibilities and privileges within both the university and greater communities.

What if the incident happens off campus?

If I am being charged in court, why do I also have to deal with the university? Isn’t this double jeopardy?

On or off campus, you are a CU-Boulder student and you represent the university. You are expected to abide by state and local laws and legal violations may also be a violation of the Student Conduct Code. Make sure to review the expectations and talk with your Hall Director if you have any questions.

www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/studentconduct
Alcohol is allowed for residents **21 and over only** and with additional expectations including drinking responsibly, in private rooms, with the door closed and in consideration of roommates (noise, guests, etc.). Possession or consumption of alcohol by anyone under 21 is prohibited by law and thus prohibited in the residence halls. Staff will address potential alcohol violations. These incidents and off campus MIPs will be reviewed by the Hall Director and generally will result in a student conduct process.

“I wasn’t drinking but I was in a room with students who were drinking. Why am I being contacted by a conduct officer?”

When Hall Directors/conduct officers receive reports of alleged policy violations they will likely contact all present residents in order to figure out what happened. There may be other policy violations involved such as noise violations. Additionally, **you are responsible for your guests**. If it was your room that was documented and you were present at the time, you will likely be charged with violating the guest policy. This is true for not only alcohol incidents but also those that involve noise, drugs, vandalism and other policies. Therefore, any CU-Boulder resident who is in a room that is documented by staff for illegal alcohol use will likely be contacted and may go through the University conduct process.

**“Trophy Wall” Displays**

Please do not store empty alcohol containers in your Residence Hall room. Alcohol containers should not be displayed as trophies or sentimental decorations as they convey the opposite of the academic community which we are striving to maintain. Even if you have not been drinking at the time, staff will confront and document the situation as the containers are a **violation of the alcohol policy**. Even if you are 21 years or older, trophy walls violate community expectations and will be addressed by the Hall Director.

**Bulk alcohol containers such as kegs, taps, and beer bongs are not permitted in the residence halls even if you’re 21.** Items such as beer bongs will be confiscated and UCPD will be contacted to dispose of kegs.
Medical Marijuana

Can I use medical marijuana?

While Colorado law allows an individual with a registered (Colorado) medical marijuana card to possess a limited amount of marijuana for medicinal purposes, possession of a Medical Marijuana Registry identification card does not authorize a student to possess, use, or distribute marijuana on campus. This includes university residence halls, dining facilities and public areas.

Although it may be legal to possess medical marijuana with a valid medical marijuana card, on-campus use or possession is a violation of the University drug policy. First time violations of the drug policy may result in sanctions including educational classes and notifications to parents/guardians.

Paraphernalia

Hookahs and bongs are considered fire hazards, may be considered drug paraphernalia, and are prohibited from the residence halls. Pipes, even used only once to consume marijuana, will be considered drug paraphernalia and thus a University drug violation.

I have a documented medical need and have been issued a Colorado medical marijuana card. What are my options?

• Due to this medical need, you may petition to be released from your housing contract penalty-free, even if you are a first-year student. Talk to your Hall Director about this petition process, make sure you have all the needed documentation and do not sign another lease until you are officially granted approval to move out. Note that it may take at least 30 days to obtain approval and it is contingent on providing sufficient documentation.

• You may continue to live in the residence halls but may not keep or use any marijuana or paraphernalia in the residence hall. You can expect staff to confront any indication of marijuana use and proceed accordingly.

• Be aware that the smell of marijuana is often bothersome to your neighbors. Other residents may be contacted by staff due to the smell of your marijuana use, and they may not appreciate the smell in general.
Marijuana & CU-Boulder: What Legalization Means for You

Federal law requires that CU-Boulder, being federally funded, prohibits its use, possession, and distribution of illicit drugs on campus. Marijuana is classified as an illicit drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act. Therefore, marijuana remains a banned substance for all CU-Boulder students under 21, all Division I student athletes under NCAA’s prohibited substances provisions, within the residence halls and otherwise on campus.

Possessing, using, or selling marijuana is still prohibited on campus and during University activities.

⇒ If you are caught possessing marijuana under the age of 21, you could be sanctioned by the University and cited by police.

⇒ Even if you are over 21, possession on campus could result in participating in the University conduct process and you may receive sanctions.

⇒ Students 21 and older must still abide by all campus rules prohibiting marijuana usage on campus or while driving a motor vehicle on campus. Those who use or cultivate marijuana in their private, off campus residences must do so under the guidelines of the law.

Want to read more?

What Amendment 64 Means for CU Boulder: http://www.colorado.edu/news/features/what-amendment-64-means-cu-boulder
Eight Things You Need to Know About Amendment 64: http://www.colorado.edu/news/features/eight-things-you-need-know-about-amendment-64
Student Code of Conduct Policies and Procedures: http://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/studentconduct/
University of Colorado Boulder Alcohol and Drugs Guidelines: http://hr.colorado.edu/pages/alcohol-and-drug-policy.aspx
**Adderall, Ritalin & Other Amphetamines**

**Using Adderall, Ritalin or other Amphetamines without a prescription is illegal and has many adverse impacts to consider.**

**Adderall, along with many other Amphetamine drugs, has been classified as a Schedule II drug.**

- Possession of non-prescribed Adderall (or another Schedule II drug) is a FELONY

- Possession of just one pill without a prescription may lead to immediate arrest and jail time

- Besides legal consequences, unlawful possession, transfer or selling of these substances could result in violations of the University code of conduct

**ALCOHOL AND ADDERALL DO NOT MIX!**

Adderall is a stimulant and alcohol is a depressant. When the two are combined the effects of alcohol are less noticeable. With this combination, the risk of an alcohol overdose is greater because you may feel like you can drink more than your body can handle.

**Repeated Amphetamine use and abuse can cause:**

- restlessness/insomnia
- confusion/feelings of panic
- increased aggressive behavior
- fast or irregular heartbeat

Using Adderall and other Amphetamines can cause adverse bodily effects with other medications.

*Do not take medications unless prescribed by a doctor.*
YOU Can Help Keep Us Safe!

Doors and Windows

- If your hall has a 24 hour front desk (most do), you should only enter through the main/entrance doors. Other doors are exit-only.
- Exit-only door rules include your guests! Do not let in others through exit-only doors, even if you know them. Meet guests at an entrance door and escort them through the hall.
- Do not prop open doors leading to the living areas. Unwanted guests (human and animal) may otherwise enter through propped doors!
- If a stranger is following you into the residence hall, do not let them in. Inform the front desk staff of these situation immediately.

Window screens and window stops should remain intact.
- Because of the danger involved, climbing on roofs, using windows as entrances and exits, and scaling or rappelling outside walls is strictly prohibited.
- Do not throw anything out windows! Even a small object falling from a high place can harm people below!
- Items should not be placed on window ledges as they may fall.

Due to safety concerns, removal of window stops, propping open or entering exit-only doors, throwing items out windows, climbing in or out of windows or similar behavior may result in a conduct process and disciplinary consequences.

The safety and security of the residence halls is up to each resident knowing and abiding by community expectations. Thank you for helping keep our halls safe!
Residence Hall Guests

It is your choice whether or not to allow visitors in your room. However, a resident’s right to sleep, to study, and to privacy **ALWAYS** takes precedence over the privilege of having guests in a residence hall room. Talk to your roommates and set reasonable expectations.

YOU are responsible for the activities that occur in your room. If your guest violates Residence Hall policy, you will be held responsible as their host.

Guest Guidelines

- All guests must be 18 years of age and older and are limited to two per resident.
- Guests should always be escorted by a resident. Always meet your guest in the lobby and walk them to your room.
- Residents must obtain permission from their roommate(s) prior to having a guest stay in the halls.
- Besides study groups and those helping you move out, there are no guests during finals weeks (starting when 24-hr quiet hours begin).
- If you’re considering having a longer term guest, make sure you refer to the Residence Hall Handbook online and also talk to your roommate!

Housing & Dining Services reserves the right to require any guest to leave the Residence Halls immediately upon the request of any Residence Hall Staff member.
Pet Policy

Can I bring my dog or cat to my residence hall?

What about Bubbles, my fish?

No pets may be brought into the residence halls. This policy is because of the inherent problems of owning a pet (noise, odors, sanitation, allergies, etc.) in a residence hall room. The residence hall is a public space and owning a pet could adversely affect your peers. Please wait until you live off campus before adopting a pet!

Small aquatic life are acceptable!

Fish and small turtles that live in water are permitted if in an aquarium that is no bigger than 10 gallons.

Reptiles and amphibians such as snakes and lizards are NOT permitted.

You must first get your roommate’s approval and accept full responsibility for the care, cleanliness, and any ill effects that could result from owning the fish or water turtle.

Why can the Hall Director have a pet when I can’t?

There are many issues surrounding pets in the residence halls including noise, smells, sanitation, and care. These problems are not suitable for a community living space. HD pets live in a private, secluded residence where these potential problems are not an issue.
For the safety of the hundreds of people in each residence hall, these and other items are prohibited due to fire risk. Please remove these items from your room:

- Candles, even if only for display purposes
- Large fabric items such as tapestries and flags with a side longer than three feet. (Fire can spread between floors by burning up wall decorations!)
- Bean bag chairs/furniture as they are made of highly flammable materials
- Halogen lamps & lava lamps
- Hookahs and bongs present a fire hazard, are considered drug paraphernalia, and are expressly not permitted

- **CU Boulder is a smoke-free campus!** Smoking (tobacco or otherwise) in the residence halls or elsewhere is not permitted. Use of e-cigarettes is included as not permitted. See the CU-Boulder policy for more information.

- **Items should not be hung from sprinkler pipes or from the ceiling.** Although it may seem harmless to store items or do pull-ups on the sprinkler pipes, they can come out of the ceiling and cause major flood damage throughout the building.

- **Periodic fire drills** are performed during the year. It is every resident’s responsibility to evacuate the building every time the alarm sounds.

Serious fire violations such as setting off false alarms or tampering with smoke detectors are dangerous, potentially highly impactful and can result in violations of the code of conduct and law.

Attention skiers and snowboarders!

Waxing ski and snowboard equipment is not allowed in the residence halls or areas other than those designated.
By signing the housing contract allowing you to live in the residence halls, you agreed to live by the established rules.

Every resident has a responsibility to ensure that the residence halls remain a safe and fire hazard-free environment.

Thank you for helping keep us all safe!

Torch Lighters – Butane Blowtorches - Flammables

All flammable materials are prohibited in the residence halls.

- Butane torches are fire hazards – even if not used – because of their highly combustible materials.
- Torches, fuel and any other flammables are not allowed in the residence halls for any reason.
- These items create a highly dangerous situation for our entire community and, as such, possession of or involvement with the use of a torch or other flammable or fire-inducing items may result in termination of your housing contract.
Trash & Recyclables

Please take your trash and recyclables outside to the dumpsters and recycling bins! These items should not be placed outside your door, in bathroom trash bins, in stairwells, in other hallway or communal areas, nor tossed out the windows.

Trash or other items left in hallways can pose serious threats in emergency situations like fire alarms.

Imagine trying to exit a chaotic and smoke-filled hallway while having to avoid tripping on trash or other items left in the hallway!

These actions may attract bugs and other critters, fill up communal trash bins, create unnecessary work for Environmental Services staff and create safety hazards.

Thank you for keeping our community clean!!

(Ain’t nobody got time for that.)