

# Residential Students Rights, Responsibilities & Policies

The goal of University housing is to offer students a memorable collegiate experience while providing them with an environment conducive to study and growth. In order to maintain an environment, which supports the well being of every resident, each resident-student is responsible for adhering to certain standards of good citizenship. Living on campus can provide a wonderful opportunity to learn a great deal about yourself and others, as well as learning to respect the rights and privileges of others. To facilitate your transition to living in university housing at USC Upstate, you will find listed below a number of important guidelines and policies, which you are expected to follow. We trust that you will find this information especially useful to you as you prepare for a positive living experience on the USC Upstate campus.

## Primary Rights

- The right to read and study without undue interference, unreasonable noise, or other distractions.
- The right to sleep.
- The right to expect respect for one's belongings and personal property.
- The right to live in a clean environment.
- The right to have free access to your room and apartment facilities.
- The right to have grievances addressed fairly.

## Other Rights

- The right to have personal privacy within your apartment and room.
- The right to host guests. (The resident is responsible for his/her guest at all times, and his/her guest must abide by all University and housing rules and regulations. In addition, it is mandatory that the Housing Office register any overnight guests. Furthermore, guests are not allowed to infringe upon the rights of roommates and other University housing residents.)

## Housing Assignments

1. Room assignments are made without regard to race, color, creed or handicap. Students are assigned to apartments on a first-come, first-served basis. However, an effort is made to pair compatible students.
2. Special considerations will be made for those who have special health requests. Those residents requiring wheelchair accessible units must notify the Office of Housing and Residential Life prior to housing assignments.
3. Vacant space will be utilized by new residents and residents who change apartments. Therefore, it is imperative that this space (i.e. bed, desk drawer and closet) remain vacant. In addition, it will allow the housing office to properly assign residents to an apartment and ensure that the resident will not move into an occupied and unclean space.

## Housing Agreements

All residents must sign a housing application and lease agreement and pay a security deposit before being approved to live in university housing. Any student who enters into a housing agreement with the University must accept the responsibilities binding them to the terms of the contract for the full academic year.