

University Housing Policies: Cardinal Court

Upon entering college, you will most likely be granted more freedom than ever before. Illinois State University is committed to sharing knowledge, searching for truth, and developing you as one of its students, so society will prosper as a result of your contribution. So you may fulfill these aspirations, you have been granted the freedoms of inquiry, expression, association, participation in government, and your right to a fair process to address your issues.

However, these are not the only rights and freedoms granted to you as an Illinois State University student - there are more. To make the most of your college and campus living experience, take the time to seek out and understand these freedoms, and always remember - with freedom comes responsibility.

ISU has a number of policies regarding different areas of resident life. The two main categories are **Housing Behavior** and **Safety**.

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Housing Behavior Policies

At no time should your behavior and conduct impair or prevent the University or University Housing Services from accomplishing or making progress toward their established educational goals.

Any violation of university regulations or residence hall/apartment policies and procedures may result in a referral to the Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution office.

Please be advised that failure by a resident to remove himself or herself from a situation where a violation is occurring may be interpreted by Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (Dean of Students' Office) and Residence Hall/Apartment staff as a consent to the violation and therefore residents should expect to be held responsible to some degree.

Residents are responsible for all information published by University Housing Services and University publications.

Access to Residential Buildings

The exterior doors to Cardinal Court buildings are secured at all times. Residents must swipe their Redbird ID card through the appropriate card reader in order to gain access to their assigned building.

Keys and Identification

After presenting proper identification, Cardinal Court staff has the right to ask anyone (resident or guest) to show proof of identification and residence. Since the University requires ISU students to be in possession of their Redbird ID card when on campus and the room key(s) establishes residence in a particular building, these items have been selected as acceptable proof of identification. Residents who are not in possession of their key(s) and ID may be documented for violating the Key and/or ID policy and must verify their residence and identity to remain in the building.

Responsibility for Guest Behavior

Residents are responsible for their guests' behavior at all times and as such, should ensure that their guest(s) is (are) informed about Cardinal Court Complex policies prior to their arrival. **The host is also required to escort their guests at all times. If a non-resident is discovered to be in a building without being properly escorted by a resident (host), they may be asked to vacate the premises immediately.**

Guests who are students of Illinois State University share responsibility for their behavior with their host. Guests who are not students of Illinois State University may be required to leave University premises and could be subject to criminal prosecution for violations of University policy.

Alcohol Policy

The possession or consumption of alcohol (regardless of age) is not allowed in Cardinal Court Complex.

Contact a Cardinal Court Apartment Complex staff member for further information or clarification.

Apartment Complex Room Doors

Due to fire safety considerations and the significant amount of damage done to Cardinal Court room doors, postings on the inside of room doors are limited to signs, posters, etc., which cover **NO MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OF THE DOOR.**

Additionally, residents may not post, hang, or otherwise attach any material to the outside of their room door.

Residents seeking temporary exemptions to this policy (birthday, anniversary, special occasion, etc.) may request temporary exemption from their Complex Coordinator stating the reason for the request and the duration of time for which the exemption is sought.

Bottle and Can Policy

In a large group living environment such as a residence hall or apartment complex, pest control can become a concern. Roaches, in particular, are prolific breeders and if not kept in check, their numbers can increase very quickly. The key to controlling roaches and other pests is to eliminate possible breeding areas. Bottles and cans provide excellent breeding ground for such pests once the manufacturer's seal has been broken. University Housing Services and the Association of Residence Halls share a strong commitment to dealing with this issue and have developed the bottle and can collection policy in response to student concerns.

Students are therefore encouraged to empty remaining bottles and cans and recycle them within 24 hours of opening them. Should it be determined that a particular room is the origin of a breeding ground, the resident(s) of the room will assume the cost of any pest control remedial activities deemed necessary in addition to a fine \$15 for the first violation and \$25 for any violation thereafter.

Decorations in Public Areas

Any and all decorations used in public areas must be made of fire-resistant materials. No public area decoration may hinder the use of, or restrict access to, hallways, doorways, stairs, corridors, or fire related equipment. Do not attach anything to or tamper with light fixtures or exit signs. [holiday trees must be ARTIFICIAL to be approved for Cardinal Court Complex use. The use of electric decorative holiday lights is restricted to "miniature lights" that are either "U.L." ([Underwriter's Laboratory](#)) or "F.M." ([Factory Mutual](#)) approved. Decorations violating this policy may be removed by Cardinal Court Complex staff. Contact a Cardinal Court Complex staff person for clarification.

Energy Conservation Policy

Illinois State University Housing Services (UHS) is constantly making strides to reduce our impact on the environment. Cardinal Court Apartments are equipped with appliances such as refrigerators, microwaves and ranges. In an effort to conserve energy and enhance control of room and board rates, residents may not bring additional equipment or appliances similar to that which is already provided. Exceptions to this policy would only be granted after submission of a formal request to University Housing Services professional staff. Please refer to the Cardinal Court Electric Energy Policy at http://cardinalcourt.illinoisstate.edu/cost/electric_energy_policy.shtml for details regarding the electricity budget assigned to each apartment as well as fines for exceeding that budget.

In addition, the following items are also prohibited:

- any open flame apparatus
- halogen lamps
- multi-colored floor lamps
- lighted wall or window signs
- electrically powered tools

At any given time, University Housing Services staff may determine that other items are in direct conflict with this policy and reserves the right to remove such items to prevent their use.

Elevators

There are elevators for student use in all Cardinal Court residential buildings. When elevator cars are damaged or vandalized, all residents of the building are inconvenienced. Elevator repairs are expensive. If an elevator is intentionally damaged and the hall staff cannot identify the responsible person(s), the repair costs are equally divided and billed to all residents of the building through proration.

University Housing Services is committed to preventing disruptive behavior such as this. The staff will work to identify any person(s) responsible for such a disruption should it occur. All students with information that can assist in this endeavor are encouraged to contact a Cardinal

Court Complex staff member or the [ISU Police Department](#). If and when necessary, a reward may be offered to the person(s) with information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the responsible person. Information about a reward being offered will be posted in the complex.

Note: Staff members are not eligible to receive rewards as it is the responsibility of all staff members to report information about incidents.

Some elevators are equipped with timing devices that keep the doors open for a short period of time. This helps to maximize elevator use. Never attempt to manually close or open elevator doors. This is dangerous and can cause serious damage to equipment.

If a person becomes stuck in an elevator, s/he should repeatedly sound the alarm, call out for assistance, and wait for service personnel to arrive. The elevator emergency equipment is to be used "for emergencies only." Individuals who abuse such emergency equipment or who damage other elevator equipment will be billed for repair costs and may have criminal charges filed against them.

Finals Week Quiet Hours

Cardinal Court buildings remain open year round. During final examinations, residents must maintain behavior appropriate for finals week and consistent with Cardinal Court Complex and University regulations. Extended QUIET HOURS (20-24 hours per day) go into effect during this week. Daily courtesy hours (0-4 hours per day) for this week will be established by each building or area government prior to the beginning of finals week.

Residents who violate quiet hours or other Cardinal Court Complex policies during this week may be required to move to another location wherever space is available. Residents committing serious or repeated violations may be required to vacate any and all university housing as soon as possible and/or no later than the end of the working day or equivalent. These actions may be taken administratively at the recommendation of the Cardinal Court Complex staff with the approval of the Associate Director of University Housing Services. Such action may be taken regardless of whether or not the individual has completed final examinations.

Furnishings in Student Rooms

Furniture

The shared bedrooms in Cardinal Court are equipped with beds that can be lofted. No other type of loft will be permitted. The use of cinder blocks is also prohibited. No items of furniture may be disassembled, removed from a resident's room, or placed on top of other furnishings at any time. Residents may not stack shelves, crates, or equipment on top of air convectors or in front of room windows. Residents may not remove University furniture from public areas for any use.

Decorations

Residents may not add attachments of any type to light fixtures, including paint, tissue paper, crepe paper, tinfoil or any other material. NO materials, whether flammable or non-flammable, may be suspended from, attached to, or draped beneath the ceiling or sprinklers-fire suppression system. Any materials such as tinfoil, paper, cloth, paperboard, plastic, etc. used to cover the walls in student rooms must not exceed 20 percent of the aggregate wall area to which they are applied. Decorations with open flames (whether lit or unlit) such as candles, wick lamps, incense, etc. are prohibited in student rooms. Residents may not add any permanent fixtures, constructions or wallpaper to their rooms. This includes the use of borders and contact paper. The use of these cause damage to painted walls and will require repainting at the resident's expense. Only University window treatments may be used in students' rooms.

Noise Policy

Courtesy hours are in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If a resident requests a neighbor be quiet, the neighbor should be respectful of their request.

Guidelines

Residents are asked to observe the academic interests and close quarters of the community. Residents should not make or permit noise which may be objectionable to other residents.

Simple behaviors can help to reduce unnecessary noise. Residents should take off boots or heavy shoes when in the apartment; and keep the volume on the stereo, TV, computer or radio at a reasonable level. The placement of rugs on the floor can also significantly reduce the amount of noise between apartments.

While noise can be a problem, it is important to realize people make a certain amount of noise under normal circumstances. Residents should be aware of and tolerant of individual differences in lifestyles and routines.

The best way of dealing with noise problems is for residents to get to know their neighbors in their community before a problem starts. Then, if a noise problem develops, it is easier to address the issue.

Should a problem with a neighbor persist, a resident may contact a member of the Cardinal Court Complex staff. A complaint may be filed with the Community Assistant or Cardinal Court Complex Coordinator if the noise problem cannot be worked out. Disturbance of the peace issues may require police involvement as well. Each complaint is reviewed and addressed accordingly.

Musical Instruments

Use of amplified musical instruments is permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week. Amplified music includes utilizing internal speakers (i.e., electronic keyboards) and those which use external speakers (i.e., electric guitars). Musical instruments

may be a source of disturbance, and you may be asked to seek alternate practice areas should the disturbance affect the community. This request is considered a courtesy to other residents as stated under the [Noise Policy](#).

Sound Amplification

The University policy concerning the use of sound amplification equipment states, in part, that "individuals utilizing equipment for amplification should recognize the impact of the sound on those for whom the amplified material is not intended. After 7 p.m. individuals should use designated practice spaces and/or sound modules provided in each residential area."

Applying this consideration to the complex means that while residents may use musical instruments in their rooms during designated hours, any amplification that is loud enough to be heard by individuals in other buildings infringes on the rights or residents of these buildings, the local community, classroom and office users, and others in the immediate vicinity.

Noxious Odor Policy

A noxious odor is ANY aroma of such intensity that it becomes apparent to others. Any odor can become noxious or offensive when it is too strong. Some examples are cigarette, cigar or pipe smoke; incense; perfume; air freshening spray; or large amounts of dirty laundry. Furthermore, because incense is a source of noxious odor and is also a fire hazard, it is prohibited in Cardinal Court. When a noxious odor can be localized to a particular room, the resident(s) and/or guests of that room may be in violation of Cardinal Court Complex policy.

Outdoor Grills

Outdoor grills are not permitted anywhere in the Cardinal Court complex.

Pets

Residents may keep fish in their rooms provided these fish are kept in a good living environment. Tank size is limited to a maximum of 10 gallons. No other pets of any kind are allowed in the complex rooms at any time.

Posting Policy

Approximately 6,000 students live in ISU residence halls and apartments, with over half being freshmen and almost 90% being under 21 years of age. The residence halls and apartment complexes are home to these students for at least nine months out of the year and, as such, University Housing Services attempts to provide a "home-like" atmosphere.

Posters, fliers, and mailbox stuffers provide a means of communicating activities and events to residence hall and apartment students. However, posters, fliers, and mailbox stuffers can be compared to "junk mail" in that the information/advertisement is not requested nor do [some]

residents wish to receive it. The abundance of posters and fliers to which residents are exposed may dilute their effectiveness and, therefore, should be considered thoughtfully.

There is a cost to University Housing Services and, therefore residents, for the process of approving posters, fliers, and mailbox stuffers; for hanging posters and fliers, and stuffing mailboxes; for cleaning up posters, fliers and stuffers that end up on the floor of the residence hall or apartment complex; and for recycling posters, fliers, and mailbox stuffers. At present, there is no chargeback to student organizations or departments for whom University Housing Services provides the above services.

Residence halls and apartment operations are funded by income from students' room payments, which helps pay for staffing, cleaning, recycling, and a variety of programs and services. University Housing Services, the residence halls and apartment complexes do not receive income from fees or any other General Revenue source.

Guidelines

Posters and fliers:

UHS allows registered student organizations and University departments to post fliers and posters in designated public areas with the following stipulations:

1. The item being posted relates to events, announcements, services, or activities sponsored and sanctioned by Illinois State University or one of its departments or registered student organizations.
2. The poster/flier does not contain references to alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drugs, or to any event, activity, program, or sponsor whose purpose or activity is the sale, use, or promotion of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
3. The poster/flier does not contain profanity.
4. The poster/flier is printed on recycled paper and contains the recycling logo along with the statement "Printed on recycled paper."
5. The poster/flier contains the following statement: "If you need a special accommodation to fully participate in this program/event, please contact (name and host department) at (phone number/voice). Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation."
6. The poster/flier does not exceed 400 square inches.
7. The poster/flier is approved by an authorized UHS staff person prior to posting.
8. Items will be posted for one (1) week.
9. UHS is not responsible for items that get torn down or removed prematurely.

Mailbox stuffers:

UHS will stuff items in residence halls and Cardinal Court Complex students' mailboxes that relate to an event or activity sponsored and sanctioned by Illinois State University or one of its departments or registered student organizations with the following stipulations:

1. The stuffer does not contain references to alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs, or to any event, activity, program, or sponsor whose purpose or activity is the sale or use of alcohol, tobacco or other drugs.
2. The stuffer does not contain references to privately-owned entities competing for student housing (off-campus houses and apartments).
3. The stuffer is printed on recycled paper and contains the recycling logo along with the statement “Printed on recycled paper.”
4. The stuffer does not contain profanity.
5. The stuffer contains the following statement: “If you need a special accommodation to fully participate in this program/event, please contact (name and host department) at (phone number/voice). Please allow sufficient time to arrange the accommodation”
6. The stuffer is approved by an authorized UHS staff member prior to distribution.

Additional information

- Posters and fliers may only be placed on designated bulletin boards.
- Posters and fliers may not be hung on the exterior of buildings, or on interior walls or windows.
- UHS has priority for promoting and communicating its own programs, activities, services, etc. and, if necessary, may restrict the placement of posters and fliers due to space considerations.
- Allow adequate time for a poster/flier to be approved and posted, and for a stuffer to be approved and distributed to residents’ mailboxes.

Room Change

Room changes cannot be made until after the tenth day of classes each semester. You may request a room change through your Cardinal Court Complex Coordinator. These requests may not be approved until you have demonstrated a serious attempt to adjust to your room situation. The [Roommate Bill of Rights \(pdf\)](#) is used to ensure that residents have been making efforts to work through their disagreements. When requesting a room change, it is your responsibility to provide your Cardinal Court Complex Coordinator with the hall name and room number to which you desire to move. Should all Cardinal Court Complex spaces be filled, only one-for-one room switches can be approved. Residents are responsible for officially checking out of their rooms when completing an approved room change. See your hall staff for further information. ROOM CHANGES NOT APPROVED BY THE CARDINAL COURT COMPLEX COORDINATOR ARE IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF CARDINAL COURT COMPLEX POLICY.

Room Keys

You are issued an apartment key, a bedroom key, and a mailbox key when you officially check into your building. These keys remain the property of the University and are loaned or licensed to you only so long as you are the rightful occupant of the room to which these keys provide access. Students may not give or loan the keys to a guest or other residents nor should a resident be in possession of any building key not specifically granted as authorized use by Cardinal Court

Complex staff. You may only deliver, surrender or relinquish these keys to a Cardinal Court Complex staff member. You may not duplicate or modify your room keys. You must return your keys to a Cardinal Court Complex staff member when you check out of your room. If your keys are locked in your room, the reception desk can provide you with another key to your apartment, bedroom, and/or mailbox for a limited length of time. If any of these keys are not returned within the specified period of time, you will be charged for a core change(s).

Should you misplace your key(s), please contact the front desk of Cardinal Court Complex to request a core change. You will be issued a tag key(s) to be used until the core change is completed. The charge for this will be your responsibility. The tag key(s) can be kept for a limited amount of time as noted on the Statement of Understanding that you will sign when you check out the key(s). If you locate your key(s) during the time that you have the tag key(s) checked out, please bring all keys to the front desk prior to the conclusion of the specified time to avoid a core change and the resulting charges.

Sports in the Halls

Residents may not engage in any sports or sports related activities within Cardinal Court Complex rooms, lounges, hallways, stairwells or other public areas. Playing sports, including (but not limited to) Frisbee and rollerblading, in a confined area such as a hallway can lead to student injury and/or damage to private or University property. The University provides students with many approved facilities for sports and recreation.

Mail Services

Campus Mail is correspondence that originates from and has a destination on the Illinois State University Campus. Its purpose must be University business, not personal in nature (cash, greeting cards or chain letters are ILLEGAL USE OF CAMPUS MAIL).

All students must complete a change of address card upon checking out of the halls. Your mail will be forwarded to your new location by the Cardinal Court Complex Staff as allowed by postal regulations.

Campus Mail Service will not be responsible for any damage, loss, or delay regarding U.S. mail en route to or from the University and its addressee. DO NOT SEND CASH through the mail.

Any problems experienced with mail delivery should be reported to the Complex Coordinator in your area immediately. Mechanical problems with mailboxes should be reported to the community center reception desk. You can fill out a [work order](#) to have your mailbox fixed.

- DO NOT leave keys in mailboxes.
- Once mail is placed in a student's mailbox, it can only be removed by the addressee. Cardinal Court Complex Staff can only remove mail from a mailbox for forwarding purposes when the addressee has moved.
- Please do not inquire at the desk during the day as to when mail will be ready. These inquiries slow down the process of getting your mail ready for you. Many halls have

signs that indicate when mail is in. Residents may not apply stickers or decorations to mailboxes.

Incoming U.S. mail to students in Cardinal Court is delivered directly to the community center by the U.S. Post Office daily Monday through Saturday, except designated postal holidays. All mail should be addressed to you as shown on in the move-in newsletter. Please give this information to those who may write you. Your mailing address must include the room number. Do not include Illinois State University in your address.

*Note Cardinal Court has five separate building names: Birch, Cypress, Dogwood, Evergreen, and Fir. The building name is an important part of your address and must be included on all correspondence.

Maintenance Requests

Fill out an online work order request.

Sprinkler Systems

Every student room will be equipped with a fire sprinkler. These sprinklers are designed and installed to cover specific areas, so that all spaces are ultimately covered. Therefore, in order to ensure the safety of all individuals residing, visiting or working in the residence halls, the following are prohibited:

- Obstructing sprinklers in any way or direction
- Hanging any objects from sprinkler heads or tampering with sprinkler heads

Any damage to the sprinkler heads or water damage which is the result of a resident and/or their guest(s) engaging in the above behaviors, whether deliberate or accidental, may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to fines, relocation, denial of university housing, as well as civil and criminal liability.

Telephone Equipment

Student apartments and rooms do not have active phone lines. Student rooms will still be wired for land line phones, but service is not automatically provided. For an additional charge, students may choose to activate their line. A form is available on the Telecommunications web page to request wired landline service.

- On-Campus Calls: For calls to on-campus telephones, enter the last five digits of the telephone number. For calls to local off-campus locations, enter 9 and the seven-digit number. Press 0 for University information. Off-campus directory assistance calls must be billed to a calling card.
- Long Distance Calls: Residents will need to use a personal calling card for long distance phone calls.

Trash

Trash chutes are not available at Cardinal Court. Residents must dispose of their garbage using the dumpsters located outside residential buildings.

University Smoking Policy

For information about this policy, please view the University's [policy on smoking and tobacco use](#).

Safety

The following policies explain what the University will do in case of emergency, how students can protect themselves, and what the consequences may be for infringing on another's safety.

Arson and Aggravated Arson

The penalties for committing arson and/or aggravated arson are severe. The recommended sanction for such activities is suspension from the University. In addition, the [University Police Department](#) may pursue criminal charges which could lead to a term of 3-30 years imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine.

University Housing Services is committed to preventing disruptive behavior such as this. The staff will work to identify any person(s) responsible for such a disruption should it occur. All students with information which can assist in this endeavor are encouraged to contact a University Housing staff member or the Illinois State University Police Department. If and when necessary, a reward may be offered to the person(s) with information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the responsible person. Information about a reward being offered will be posted in the Cardinal Court Complex.

Note: Staff members are not eligible to receive rewards as it is the responsibility of all staff members to report information about incidents.

Bomb Threat

The penalties for making a bomb threat are severe. The recommended sanction for such an action is a minimum of suspension from the University. University Housing Services reserves the right to immediately remove anyone found violating this policy from University Housing residential facilities.

In addition, the ISU Police Department will pursue criminal charges which could lead to a one-year imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine.

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Emergency Equipment

Tampering with, damaging, or inhibiting the use of emergency equipment in any university residence hall or apartment building is expressly prohibited. Residents may not use emergency equipment for any purpose other than emergency use. This includes fire extinguishers, sprinklers, heat and smoke detectors, fire hoses or water lines, public address systems, fire doors, exit lights or panels, or any other emergency equipment.

Violations of this policy are considered serious and may result in severe consequences. Individuals violating this policy may be billed for any repair costs and/or face criminal charges.

Fire Alarms

Residents and their guests must evacuate the building in accordance with the building's fire evacuation plan any time a fire alarm sounds (failure to abide by this directive will result in disciplinary sanctions). The penalties for setting off a false fire alarm are severe. Engaging a sprinkler, whether accidental or deliberate, will cause the fire alarm to sound. The recommended sanction for such action is suspension from the University. University Housing Services reserves the right to immediately remove anyone found setting off false fire alarms from university housing. In addition, the ISU Police Department will pursue criminal charges which could lead to a one-year imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine. University Housing Services is committed to preventing disruptive behavior such as this. The staff will work to identify any person(s) responsible for such a disruption should it occur. All students with information which can assist in this endeavor are encouraged to contact a University Housing staff member or the ISU Police Department. If and when necessary, a reward may be offered to the person(s) with information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the responsible person. Information about a reward being offered will be posted in the Cardinal Court complex.

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Fire Procedure

If you see fire or smoke in or near your room, immediately call 911. When the Fire Department answers, give them your name, the name of your building, the floor number or area of the building, and what you see. If the fire is in your apartment or room, leave your apartment or room immediately and close the door. Pull the nearest fire alarm at the first opportunity and alert other occupants of your building and floor.

Residents and their guests must evacuate the building in accordance with the building's fire evacuation plan ANY TIME a fire alarm sounds. Failure to do so will result in a referral to the Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Office and/or possible criminal prosecution.

DO NOT USE THE ELEVATORS. If you are in your room and the fire alarm sounds for evacuation, first check your door. If your door is warm or hot to the touch **DO NOT OPEN IT.** If the hallway is filled with smoke and/or flames, stay in your apartment with your door closed. Seal spaces around your door with towels or sheets to keep smoke from entering the room. If smoke does enter your apartment or room, open one window slightly. Hang something noticeable out of your window such as a towel or sheet. Under these conditions only, the screen may be removed to indicate your location to the Fire Department personnel. If you cannot open a window, or if you are in a room with no windows, remain close to the floor. The best breathing air will be 18 inches above the floor. Never break out a window unless it is absolutely necessary for your survival.

It is the Community Assistant's responsibility to inform you of these procedures at the first floor meeting and to answer any questions you may have about evacuating the building. It is not their responsibility to knock on doors and ensure that everyone is off the floor. They are instructed to assist the fire department with crowd control and other duties as assigned. Should you have any questions, seek out a member of the hall staff immediately.

In the event that a student with a disability is not able to follow standard evacuation procedures, he/she should contact the Complex Coordinator or obtain a Request for Evacuation Assistance Form. Instructions regarding evacuation procedures will be provided to the residents who complete this form.

Students with temporary disabilities, i.e., broken leg, sprains, recovering from surgeries, whose mobility will be limited for a period of time, should contact the Complex Coordinator and complete a Request for Evacuation Assistance Form. Instructions regarding evacuation procedures will be provided to the residents who complete this form.

Fireworks

The possession and/or use of fireworks is prohibited in Cardinal Court Complex. **THE UNIVERSITY ASSUMES THAT POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS IMPLIES INTENT TO USE THEM.** The use of fireworks is dangerous and constitutes a serious fire hazard. Consequently, the penalties for possession and/or use of fireworks may be severe. The University Police may seek criminal charges against individuals violating this policy which could lead to a \$1000 fine.

Based on the recommendation from Association of Residence Halls, individuals violating this policy are subject to relocation to other university housing, cancellation of their housing contract and/or suspension from the University following guidelines outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

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Illness and Injury

If you are sick or hurt and need help, contact any of the following for assistance:

- Any [University Housing staff member](#)
- Your community center reception desk
- Student Health Service (8-8655)
- The University Police Department (8-8631)
- The Rescue Squad (911)

Tornado Procedure

Tornado watches and warnings for the general area are issued on all local radio and television stations. Specific watches and warnings for the campus are issued by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety through the emergency notification system. In the event that you become concerned about the possibility of a tornado or severe storm, you and other residents may utilize your bathroom or hallway as a shelter in place.

Should a specific tornado warning for the campus be issued, staff will inform residents of the situation and give students direction as to where find shelter. Residents are expected to follow the instructions, staying away from the top floors of the building. If the emergency is immediate, residents should move to a core area of the building that has close, supporting walls and no exterior windows or glass. In addition to the tornado warning issued by Office of Environmental Health and Safety, the whistle on the University Heating Plant and the sirens in Bloomington-Normal will sound.

SPECIAL NOTE: A tornado warning may be issued by other agencies for other areas of the state or county, but a tornado warning directly affecting the University will only be issued by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. Students with disabilities will receive procedures for tornado emergencies from the Disability Concerns Office.

*For specific information on fire and tornado procedures in Cardinal Court contact your Community Assistant or Professional Staff member.

Harassment Policy

Illinois State University is committed to non-discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental

disability, unfavorable discharge from the military, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era in all programs, activities, and employment practices for students and employees.

University Housing Services (UHS) and Illinois State University neither condone nor accept harassment, discrimination and/or suppression of any person or group of any kind and will investigate all allegations of harassment. Should University Housing Services have evidence that an individual has harassed another student or group of students in the residence halls, the harasser may be relocated or removed completely from all residence halls at the discretion of UHS staff and the case will be referred to the office of [Equal Opportunity, Ethics, and Access](#) and [Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution](#) (Dean of Students' Office) as necessary.

Harassment can be:

- Verbal, nonverbal, or physical
- Exclusion based upon personal or group differences
- Intimidation or humiliation based on personal or group differences
- Abusive language, threats, or similar acts of bigotry, racism, sexism, or discrimination
- Jokes, comments, gossip or graffiti that perpetuate personal or group myths, fallacies, prejudices, or stereotypes
- Any subtle or direct references based on race, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or religion which demean, exclude, intimidate, or adversely affect an individual(s)
- Unsolicited e-mail or telephone calls containing abusive language and/or threats which cause discomfort or are derogatory or sexual in nature
- Unsolicited, deliberate or repeated sexually derogatory statements, gestures or physical contact which are objectionable to the recipient and which cause discomfort or humiliation pressure from a person of either sex against a person of the opposite or same sex
- Unwelcome sexual behavior or words including demands for sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning an individual's educational or employment status
- Conduct that is criminal in nature such as rape, sexual assault, stalking, and similar offenses

Telephone Harassment

Annoying, harassing and threatening telephone calls are punishable under state law. If you receive such calls, hang up immediately. If they persist, contact a University Housing staff member. She/he will set up a conference with you and the University Police. When the necessary forms are signed, it will be possible to use tracing equipment to determine the person responsible. You may also contact the University Police directly.

Reporting of Harassment

Those individuals who feel that they have, in any way, been harassed or witnessed another individual/group being harassed should promptly contact the office of [Equal Opportunity,](#)

[Ethics, and Access](#) at 438-3383 and/or the [University Police Department](#) at 438- 8631 to investigate the possibility of criminal and/or other prosecution. Housing staff may assist an individual in contacting these departments. In accordance with the University student Code of Conduct, referrals will be made to [Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution](#) (Dean of Students' Office) as necessary.

Please review the [ISU Student Handbook](#) for a thorough description of the University's Harassment Policy and the details for the procedures for reporting harassment.

Consequences

Those individuals found in violation of this policy by Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution will face a variety of sanctions. These sanctions may include but are not limited to the following:

- Censure
- Disciplinary Probation
- Deferred Suspension
- Disciplinary Suspension of the individual from the University
- Disciplinary Dismissal of the individual from the University
- Financial restitution for damages caused as a result of vandalism, graffiti, and other forms of physical harassment
- Participation in educational and/or community service programs may also be required

Note: Criminal prosecution of individuals condoning harassment is coordinated through the Illinois State University Police Department. Any and all sanctions resulting in criminal prosecution are separate from those listed above.

Sexual Assault Policy

Illinois State University and University Housing Services are committed to maintaining a comfortable learning environment for the continued intellectual and social development of its students. Survivors of sexual assault will be provided an array of services to support continued progress on academic and career goals. Student victims/survivors of sexual assault may request assistance in changing their room assignment if they live in the hall or area of campus of the perpetrator. Upon request, University Housing staff will review available options with the student and coordinate a room change if such changes are reasonable and available.

Additional Information

For additional information, contact a University Housing Staff member, [Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution](#) (Dean of Students' Office), the [Illinois State University Police Department](#) and/or the office of [Equal Opportunity, Ethics, and Access](#), or [Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Services](#).

Room Inspection, Entry and Search

The University reserves a reasonable right of entry into your apartment and/or bedroom to assure proper maintenance and repair, to provide for the health and safety of all residents, and/or to investigate when there is a reason to believe that violation of a statute, University Housing policy or University regulation is occurring within your room. In cases where students are not present at the time of entry, staff will not search through personal belongings but will refer any policy violation that is in plain sight to the disciplinary process. **Staff members do not inspect each room when the building is evacuated because of fire.**

In order to schedule the best time to conduct the appropriate safety checks, staff will coordinate with residents who plan to leave for an extended period of time over the following university break periods: Thanksgiving Break, Semester Break, and Spring Break. The reason for checking each room include but are not limited to ensuring that room windows are secured in case of inclement weather, electrical outlets are unplugged in the event of a power surge, and that trash is emptied to avoid pest problems. Should a staff member notice additional policy violations, you will be referred to [Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution](#) (Dean of Students' Office). A closing newsletter will be provided for each room to assist residents as they prepare for the aforementioned safety checks. See a member of the hall staff should you have any questions.

Room Occupancy Limits

No individual or group of individuals may position themselves or any object so that free movement to an exit is restricted or blocked. Therefore, gatherings of parties in student rooms, lounges or other public residence hall areas are permitted only under the following limits: **THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONS PERMITTED TO ASSEMBLE IN A STUDENT ROOM IS DETERMINED BY THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THAT AREA.** According to local fire and safety codes, the formula requires 15 square feet per person in a room or area with furniture.

Room Window Policy

Residents **MAY NOT REMOVE** the screens from their room window or other Cardinal Court Complex buildings window(s) at any time. Residents are not allowed to stand upon any structure(s) in front of any window (example: heating units, crates, books and so on). Residents are instructed not to lean against any window within the Cardinal Court Complex.

In order to protect those individuals who may be walking outside the complex buildings, no objects of any type may be thrown, dropped, pushed out of, placed outside of, or allowed to fall from any building window.

Due to the seriousness of this matter, University Housing Services will hold the resident(s) of the room in which a violation of this policy has occurred responsible and will fine the resident(s) \$200 for each violation (i.e., \$200 for screen removal and \$200 for objects being thrown out of the window if the resident(s) are in violation of both.) Window stickers outlining these fines are posted on every building room window. **REMOVING, DEFACING, OR DAMAGING THESE WINDOW STICKERS OR DAMAGING OR REMOVING WINDOW SCREENS IS**

PROHIBITED. Any damage to windows, screens, cranks and/or the surrounding areas should be reported to a Cardinal Court Complex staff member immediately so that repairs can be made. Additionally, due to safety reasons and the potential for significant amount of damage done to the buildings, University Housing Services prohibits posting of any materials on either side of building windows. Signs, posters, decorations, etc. may be posted in student rooms but must be done in a manner which in no way hinders exit or view through the window should emergency evacuation through the window be necessary.

Weapons Policy

In accordance with Illinois State Law, the possession and/or use of a weapon, as classified by the State of Illinois, is prohibited on any University property or at any University function. Therefore, these items categorized as weapons, as well as any facsimile, knife (with a blade at least three inches in length), explosive devices, or instruments used to stimulate a weapon, are prohibited within the complex. Consequently, the penalties for possession and/or use may be severe.

University Housing Services, with the support of the Association of Residence Halls, has recommended that individuals violating this policy be subject to relocation, cancellation of their housing contract, and/or suspension from the University following guidelines outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.

In addition, the ISU Police department may pursue criminal chargers which could lead up to a \$10,000 fine and/or 2-5 years imprisonment.

If anyone has information about any individual possessing and/or using weapons within the complex, Cardinal Court Complex Staff and the ISU Police department should be contacted immediately.