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- **Roommates' Rights**—For the purposes of this handbook, a roommate is defined as an individual who resides within the same room, suite, apartment or house. Disruption or interference with a roommate's right to study, sleep, live in a clean, secure environment and/or have full access to one's own room is prohibited. Each member living in a particular housing unit is responsible for ensuring that Quinnipiac University policies are followed by all of the residents and their guests and/or visitors.
- **Personal Belongings**—The university is not responsible for students' personal belongings. Personal items must be removed when a student moves out of university housing for any reason, including leaves of absence, withdrawal from university housing, withdrawal from the university or at the conclusion of the housing contract term. Items left behind will be discarded.
- **Playing Sports**—The use of any sporting equipment in the hallways, common areas, individual rooms or courtyards is prohibited.
- **Pets, Service and Support Animals**—Pets, other than fish contained in a tank no larger than 10 gallons, are prohibited in the residential areas. Students requiring service or emotional support animals must complete the medical accommodation form when applying for housing and submit necessary information to the Office of Student Accessibility. Please refer to the Animals on Campus Policy (<http://catalog.qu.edu/handbooks/undergraduate/university-policies/animals/>) for additional information.
- **Health and Safety**—Resident students assume responsibility for the use and general care of their living space and its furnishings. Members of the Residential Life staff and Facilities staff inspect all rooms on a regular basis, including during each vacation period, for health, safety, damage, fire code and security reasons. Violations may result in a monetary fine and/or disciplinary action. **Any prohibited items that are found will be confiscated and not returned.**
- **Maximum Occupancy**—The maximum number of people permitted to occupy any individual room, suite or apartment at any one time may not exceed twice the number of residents of that living unit +1, except where designated in certain QU-owned houses.
- **Administrative Moves**—An administrative move may occur when there is not an immediate resolution to a dispute, there is behavior that is disrupting the room or community, a concern is being addressed or is under investigation. The director of residential life or their designee will determine when an administrative move is necessary, how long it will last, and how many members of the residential community will be moved.

During the routine inspection, items including but not limited to the following are evaluated:

- pictures, posters and other decorations improperly hung on the walls (only poster putty should be used)
- damage caused by nails, tacks, pins, screws, masking tape and/ or scotch tape
- overloaded wastebaskets
- fire hazards (decorative door items may be placed only on the bulletin board)
- evidence of unauthorized animals
- condition and structure of university furniture

- missing university property
- damage or misuse of fire safety equipment
- evidence of vandalism
- violations of the student code of conduct

Prohibited items include, but are not limited to the following:

- alcohol or drug paraphernalia
- bars and bar-like structures
- collections and/or displays of alcohol containers (including empty boxes, bottles, cans)
- fire pits
- space heaters
- hot plates, air fryers, electric tea kettles, waffle irons, panini presses, toasters, toaster ovens, coffee makers (except certain single-cup coffee makers without a hot plate), coil type burners and indoor grills. Students living at the Hill, Complex, Quinnipiac off-campus properties and the York Hill Campus are permitted to have toasters and coffee makers in the kitchen area only.
- non-university-approved air-conditioning units
- tapestries covering ceiling or light fixtures, ceiling fans or other items hanging from the ceilings
- overloaded electrical outlets
- candles, incense and other open-flame devices
- grill units and propane gas tanks
- fireworks, guns, weapons and explosives
- butane torches
- darts, dartboards and slingshots
- halogen lamps
- lava lamps
- Decorative lights, string lights, strip lights or copper wire lights, unless they are UL-listed with an attached tag, have LED bulbs, and feature a built-in on/off switch as part of the strand or a remote. Rope lights with bulbs encased in plastic are permitted.
- personal refrigerators larger than 3.6 cubic feet
- pools and tent-like structures
- live Christmas trees
- smoke and fog machines
- flammable objects and/or substances
- hookah pipes or equipment
- non-university-owned lofts
- hoverboard devices
- electronic/motorized skateboards
- **Painting**—Painting residence hall rooms and/or university-owned residences is prohibited.
- **Window Screens**—Removing screens from any window is prohibited.
- **Quiet Hours**
 - All resident students and their guests and visitors must abide by the quiet hours that are in effect from Sunday–Thursday, 9 p.m. to 8 a.m., and Friday–Saturday, 12 a.m. (midnight) to 8 a.m.
 - Courtesy hours are in effect at all times. Students are to respect the rights of others to read, study and sleep without interference, undue disturbance or unreasonable noise. Students living in university-owned or leased properties must be respectful of the greater community in which they live.

- During the period of final exams, quiet hours are in effect 24 hours per day beginning at 6 p.m. on the Friday before final exams.
- **Housing Contract**—Students are responsible for maintaining and abiding by their housing agreement. The housing agreement can be viewed on MyHousing.