II.D. University Housing and Dining Halls Regulations.

II.D.1a Security Regulations
Maintaining safe and secure residence hall environments is the responsibility of each resident. Students are responsible for adhering to the stated policies regarding residence hall security, guests, entrance/exit doors, and maximum room capacity.

Access to Residence Halls: Residence Halls are private dwellings for students assigned to live in them; they are not public buildings. Access to each residence hall is specifically restricted to students assigned to that residence hall and to their authorized guests. Access is also authorized for students registered for and attending classes held in a given residence hall, as well as students, staff and faculty assigned to work in that residence hall. Access can be revoked for failure to abide by Residence Hall policies and community standards.

II.D.1b Guest in Violation of University Policy
Hosts are responsible for their guest(s) and must accompany them at all times. Hosts may be held responsible for any guest who violates regulations as noted in the Code of Student Conduct or the Guest Policy (found in this publication under Residence Hall Policies and Guidelines). If a guest who violates regulations is a UMass Amherst student, the guest may be charged for the policy violation. The host may be charged with violation of the guest policy.

II.D.1c Solicitation and Posting Policy
Solicitation Policy for UMass Amherst Residences Effective 20 August 2012
This policy is incorporated into the UMass Amherst Code of Student Conduct. Violations of this policy will be subject to action as provided for under the Code. This policy contains the following provisions, and may be amended as circumstances warrant.

Definitions
1. Solicitation is defined as a planned, in-person sharing of information with and/or requesting of information from students living in a University residence.
2. Commercial Solicitation is defined to mean requests for payment or pledges of payment for goods, services, charities, or other financial contributions.
3. Resident is defined as a student assigned by the University to live in a University residence.

What kinds of solicitation are permissible?
1. Solicitation
   • Residents of a given residence hall may solicit in that residence hall.
   • Guests accompanied by residents of a given residence hall may solicit in that residence hall.
   • Commercial solicitation of any kind is prohibited.

2. Posting of Information
   • Each residence hall will have two authorized spaces in which residents may post information.
   • Only residents of a given residence hall may post information in that residence hall.
   • Postings are limited to University and University Community events only; other types of postings are permitted elsewhere on campus.
   • Maximum posting size is limited to 8.5” x 11” size paper.
   • Residence hall staff will routinely clear these spaces of out-of-date information, materials not pertaining to the University, and/or materials that cover other postings.

Notes:
A. As a service to assist recognized student organizations (RSOs) and University Departments, Residential Life will centrally accept postings meeting the above-stated criteria for distribution to residence halls and posting by Residential Life staff. Residential Life will make no determination about these postings other than regarding these limited criteria.
B. University-recognized student-run businesses, having an educationally-based mission recognized by the University, may advertise their services by placing information in “vendor information” racks that will be installed in each residence hall by Residential Life.
C. When required, professional services may be provided in a resident’s room by scheduled appointment (scheduled by the student) when the student is unable to travel to the provider’s official place of business. Examples include professional services provided by a medical doctor, attorney, speech therapist, or similar licensed professional.

3. Tabling in Residence Hall Common Areas
“Tabling” is defined as the staffing of information tables by UMass Amherst students or Departments.

1. Each residence hall shall permit tabling to promote opportunities for residents to share/gather information with/from fellow residents.
2. Tabling reservations will be managed by the respective House Council of each residence hall.
   a. This approval is limited to assuring tabling space is available, not as to content.
3. The number of tables provided for tabling events will be informed by relevant fire safety codes and may differ among residence halls.
4. Requestor must be a UMass Amherst student, program, or department.
5. When submitting a tabling request, the requestor must provide the following information:
   a. Name of requestor(s) and affiliated organization (if applicable)
   b. Advisor of organization or office contact (if applicable)
   c. Date(s) requested
   d. Building(s) requested
   e. Name, phone number, and email address of contact in case of problems
6. The House Council will post a scheduling calendar in the applicable common space(s) identifying authorized tabling events. This calendar will be kept current by the House Council.

End-of-Semester and End-of-Year Clothing, Re-Usable Products, and Food Drives
In support of University and Residential Life sustainability initiatives, residence halls will participate in clothing drives and food drives at the end of the fall semester, and again at the end of the spring semester.
1. Participation by student residents will be strictly voluntary.
2. All collected items will be donated to local charitable organizations. The Residence Hall Association and House Councils will coordinate these drives, with logistical support as needed from Residential Life.

II.D.2 Noise Policy
Residents and guests must abide by the courtesy and quiet hours as determined by Residential Life. Residents must comply with requests to reduce excessive noise that interferes with a student’s right to study or sleep in their room. At no time should any amplified sound be directed out of residents’ windows.

II.D.3 Health and Safety Standards
Any activity deemed to be a threat to the health and safety of students is strictly prohibited. Adherence to basic health standards for sanitary conditions, hygiene, and appropriate use of bathrooms and common areas is expected of all residents and all guests. Students are expected to keep kitchen areas, bathrooms, hallways, and their rooms clean.
This includes, but is not limited to refrigerating perishable foods, closing containers to avoid attracting pests, washing dishes after use, cleaning sinks after washing dishes, etc.

II.D.4 Furniture Policy
Each residence hall room is furnished with University furnishings which must remain in the students rooms at all times. Furnishings need to meet safety standards and be assembled properly. Waterbeds are not allowed in the residence halls. The University does not offer public storage for students. In addition, lounge furnishings must remain in public areas at all times. Residents may be held financially responsible for costs associated with replacing missing furniture and/or removing unauthorized furniture from their rooms.

II.D.5 Window Screen Policy
Window screens must remain properly secured on windows at all times.

II.D.6 Candle Policy
Candles, lit or unlit, are not permitted in residence halls. Candles required for religious purposes may be approved; use must be registered in advance as outlined in the Lighting Religious Candles in the Residence Halls agreement.
II.D.7 Pet Policy
The University prohibits pets in the residence halls (except fish in tanks no larger than 10 gallons). Exceptions may be granted for animals required by students with documented disabilities registered with the University.

II.D.8 Bathroom Policy
Students and their guests must use bathroom facilities designated for their gender identity.

II.D.9 Smoking Policy
Smoking, of any kind, is prohibited in residence halls. Smoking outside residence halls must be at least 20 feet away from residence hall windows or entrances.

II.D.10 Alcohol Policy for Residence Halls and University-approved Housing
1. No person under 21 years of age may possess, use or be under the influence of alcohol.
2. Providing alcoholic beverages to a person under age 21, whether gratuitously or for sale is prohibited.
3. Intoxication, defined as being under the influence of alcohol or any other psychoactive drug to any extent that requires the attention of University staff, causes a disturbance, or is a danger to persons (self and others) or property, is prohibited.
4. A resident of legal age living in a University residence hall or floor where alcohol is permitted may possess or store a maximum of twelve (12 oz.) bottles/cans of beer, or two (750 ml) bottles of wine, or one (750 ml) bottle of hard liquor.
5. Quantity-dispensing containers, including but not limited to kegs, punch bowls and beer balls, are prohibited.
6. Drinking funnels, taps, ice luges or similar devices are prohibited.
7. Drinking games or other activities involving rapid and/or excessive consumption are prohibited. Creating, offering, and playing drinking games such as beer pong are considered endangering behaviors and are prohibited.
8. A group of more than 10 people in a residence hall room or suite in which alcohol is present is prohibited. In the North Apartments, this applies when there are more than 14 people in an apartment.
9. Open alcoholic beverage containers (including cups containing alcohol) are prohibited in any common space, including common corridors, stairwells, bathrooms, kitchens, balconies and lounges.
10. Alcohol is not allowed in alcohol-free halls or floors, regardless of one’s age. Residential Life will determine areas designated as alcohol-free.
11. Possession of alcohol containers, whether empty or full, is prohibited for persons under age 21.

II.D.11 Incense Policy
Incense is prohibited in all areas of the residence halls.

II.D.12 Community Living Standards
All residents and their guests are expected to be respectful and responsible members of UMass Amherst residential communities. In doing so, they will cooperate with University officials acting in performance of their duties, and will neither participate in nor condone actions that interfere with a roommate’s right to occupy the room, violate the rights of others, or prevent others from having a safe and respectful community living experience.