

Dear on-campus student,

The personal safety of every member of our campus community is of primary importance to all of us. As we begin a new academic year, we are writing to share some updates related to residence hall security:

Over the summer, the transition to electric guest management was finalized throughout all residence halls. Your UCard will be used to verify your residential status using the system. Your UMass student guests will also use their UCard and system to register as your guest. Non-UMass visitors will require a photo identification and will need to fully register in the system the first time they are a guest; subsequent visits will require that the non-UMass ID be presented to have their record recalled and verified by the security monitor.

This new system will continue to enforce the limit of 4 guests per person, per night, to a maximum of 10 in any living unit (room, suite or apartment). Students with restrictions imposed by the Dean of Students or the UMass Police Department will be flagged and not permitted to be signed in as guests. Please remember you are responsible for your guests. **To understand your rights and responsibilities as a host, please read the guests section of the [Residential Life Community Standards](#).**

Residence Hall Security (RHS) is a collaborative effort between Residential Life and the UMass Police Department. The work performed by RHS student employees with the aid of security cameras, the electronic card access security system, and the guest management system strengthen the security of the residential areas, providing a safer environment for the UMass student body. You will see RHS staff in your residence hall every evening beginning at 8:00 p.m. They are working to keep our community safe and need your cooperation and respect to do their jobs well.

Throughout the academic year, residence hall security hours may be extended and guest policies adjusted for events such as Homecoming, Halloween, major athletic events, and weekends when a large number of guests are anticipated. Again, **please review the sections on guests and on safety and security in the [Residential Life Community Standards](#).**

We thank you in advance for your active participation and support as we all work to make the campus community a safe and caring environment.

Sincerely,

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