



REZ RULES!

Where can I find the residence standards?

The residence standards can be found in the *Residence Contract*, available on line at www.housing.ubc.ca/vancouver, and link to Residence Contracts.

Are standards important?

Think about it for a minute. Residence is your home while here as a student. You should have the quiet you need to study and sleep. If someone's stereo keeps you awake or prevents you from studying, your rights are not being respected.

Living with others in a university residence is different from living in a private apartment or house with your family or friends. What an individual resident may feel comfortable with in private, may not be appropriate, reasonable

or safe in a residence that has a mandate to support the University's academic mission.

The University is committed to providing a residence environment that is:

- a) safe and secure
- b) conducive to residents' academic pursuits
- c) conducive to residents' personal growth and learning

Community standards have been developed to support these commitments. The statements below provide the framework on which the residence community is founded.

The well-being of the residence community rests on the balance of the community's ability to meet the needs of the individual and vice versa. This balance is best achieved when all individuals are aware of their rights and accompanying responsibilities to themselves, to others and to the community.

The following principles describe the rights and responsibilities of individuals within the residence community:

- Every person in the community can expect consideration and respect for their feelings and needs, and in return has the responsibility to show respect for the rights of every other person in the community.
- Every person in the community can expect to live in an environment where their possessions and the communal space are shown respect by every other person.

If you expect others to respect your rights, you must do the same for them. Without mutual consideration, it becomes difficult for people to live together.

Occasionally, someone may claim that they behaved inappropriately because they were drunk. This is *not* an acceptable excuse.

Residents who violate residence rules and standards can expect disciplinary action. The residence standards system is based on the principle that it be fair to both the resident whose actions are being investigated and to the residence community. The residence standards system is an administrative process, and decisions are based on the "balance of probabilities."

Anyone who drinks makes their own decision to do so, and is therefore responsible for their behaviour, and the resulting consequences.

What will happen if you break residence rules?

Investigation

A standards violation complaint is investigated by residence life staff. To ensure that the resident has an opportunity to be heard, he or she will be invited to discuss the incident with the Residence Life Manager (RLM). A resident whose actions are being investigated may assume that their perspective will be considered seriously and thoroughly.

If the resident denies responsibility for the offence, or the facts are disputed and not reasonably clear, the RLM will direct further investigation. The RLM will conclude the most probable course of events, based on the balance of probabilities.

Sanctions

Any resulting standards sanction is decided and communicated by the RLM.

What are the consequences?

You may receive standards points.

A "point" system is used in the standards process. A resident found in violation of a residence standard or regulation may be warned or assigned one or more points.

A resident who receives or accumulates three standards points is on probation. When four or more points are received or accumulated, the *Residence Contract* between the resident and university may be terminated, the resident evicted from residence, and typically denied future visiting privileges in any residence.

Standards points remain on record for 12 months from the date of the incident, or as stipulated upon eviction. Points are cumulative, and are carried over between all residences. Eviction is usually immediate for actions such as physical aggression, fighting, reckless or intentional damage, or activity which jeopardizes the safety and well-being of residents.

A resident interested in knowing the standards point ranges for violations of specific clauses in the *Residence Contract* can obtain a copy of the standards points from their RLM.

Appeals

A resident found in violation of residence standards and assigned a standards sanction may appeal the decision to the Residence Standards Appeals Officer within 72 hours of receiving the decision. To be considered, the appeal must be in writing, and must meet one of the criteria outlined in the *Standards Appeal* brochure.

A resident interested in the appeal process can download the details from www.housing.ubc.ca/after-move-in/residence-standards.

A better place for all!

Community Standards

The standards process needs the support of all residents if it is to be viable. This means living within the community standards, cooperating with the residence staff who investigate alleged offences, being willing to participate in standards investigations, and not tolerating behaviour that is disruptive or dangerous.

Your residence is your community. This means that you and other residents have a mutual responsibility for the maintenance and periodic re-evaluation of the norms by which you live, and for recommending changes to your Residence Life Manager and residence association.

Resources

For further information regarding residence standards, please see your Residence Life Manager. The RLM's office is in your residence commonsblock.

Totem Park	Kaitlyn Hazzard 604-822-2374
Place Vanier	Cate Morrison 604-822-6832
Walter Gage	Johanna Webber 604-822-1071
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Marine Drive and Ritsumeikan-UBC House	Jason Moore 604-827-3200