

Residential Rules



Residents must conduct themselves at all times in a responsible and proper manner with due consideration for Operations staff, other residents, local residents and members of the public. Conduct which is alleged to be a breach of University regulations will be dealt with in accordance with the provision of regulations as detailed at www.bath.ac.uk/regulations/. Any alleged conduct that constitutes a criminal offence may be reported to the police. University disciplinary action may also follow.

Residential Rules (RR) are listed below.

- RR1** – Causing nuisance and noise affecting the work or sleep of others
- RR2** – Keys/access control cards
- RR3** – Window restrictors
- RR4** – Keeping pets
- RR5** – Ball games
- RR6** – Motor vehicles & Parking
- RR7** – Parties
- RR8** – Visitors and guests
- RR9** – Sub-letting
- RR10** – Access to rooms
- RR11** – Prohibited items
- RR12** – Incense sticks and candles
- RR13** – Cycle storage
- RR14** – Window displays
- RR15** – Cleaning and causing obstruction
- RR16** – Electrical equipment

Further details on each of the Residential Rules are detailed below along with supplementary information relevant to University regulations:

RR1. Causing nuisance or noise affecting the work or sleep of others at any time. After 23:30 it is expected that no noise or music should be heard in adjacent corridors or rooms. Residents using kitchens or bathrooms after 23:30 should show special consideration to other students in the group

who may be trying to sleep. Remember that you are here to study so please respect the right of other residents to peace and quiet when they need it. If you feel your own peace and quiet is being affected speak to the offending party in a reasonable manner. If you cannot resolve the matter, contact the Resident Tutor or Accommodation Centre.

RR2. Improperly using keys/access control cards including duplicating or lending to other persons is not allowed. On changing rooms you must return the keys to your old room by a specified date.

RR3. Windows are fitted with restrictors for your safety and these must not be tampered with. Residents are not permitted to climb out of windows or sit on window ledges.

RR4. Keeping pets, including fish or livestock on University premises is not allowed. If any are found in your accommodation you will be required to remove it immediately. The university reserves the right to remove the animal and keep it at your cost.

RR5. Please note that University residences on campus are located on the main access route used by motor vehicles. Ball games are not allowed inside residential buildings or in the vicinity of the residences (except designed areas) and without the prior written permission from the SAWSM.

RR6. Motor vehicles & parking. Students living in University accommodation on campus or in the city campus may not park, be in possession of, or otherwise use, a motor vehicle (including a motorbike/moped) on University property, or on public roads within the City of Bath boundaries unless granted a permit, or if they are using the vehicle that belongs to the official Car Club of which they are a member. Permission may be sought if

there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. blue badge holders) by contacting the Security Desk in the Library [Ext 3853].

RR7. Parties are not allowed in and around residences due to the excessive noise and damage that they may cause. Small social gatherings will be allowed in kitchens provided permission has been sought in advance (at least 24 hours) from the SAWSM and maximum numbers agreed. All members of the kitchen group must be in agreement that their kitchen can be used for this purpose. Most importantly of all, gatherings must not breach any of the noise, smoking or conduct regulations already stated.

RR8. Visitors and Guests. No person may occupy or share the occupation or live in any room or premises unless specifically authorised by the Duty Resident Tutor.

Overnight guests under the age of 18 are not permitted.

Residents are responsible at all times for the conduct of their visitors and guests. Consequently, if the guests of any resident break any of the Residential Rules or University Regulations, or cause damage to University property the resident will receive the appropriate penalty and disciplinary action. Your guest may also be asked to leave accommodation without notice.

There is no problem if one friend occasionally shares your room overnight (for a maximum of 3 nights) but the Duty Resident Tutor must be informed by email or phone call in advance. The Duty Resident Tutor should also be informed of any unexpected overnight guests. This is to ensure that all insurance and fire regulations are met.

Residents who do not seek the appropriate permission from Resident Tutors or the Student Accommodation Experience Manager for their guests risk disciplinary action and a financial penalty of £30 per guest per night and/or losing their own place in residence.

RR9. Residents are not permitted to sub-let, attempt to advertise their room for letting on websites or noticeboards, or allow other students to live in their room without the formal permission of the Student Accommodation Experience Manager. Students breaching this rule risk incurring a financial penalty and losing their right to remain in University accommodation.

RR10. Access to Students' Rooms. The University regards it as paramount that student privacy is protected.

In order for the University staff to discharge and fulfil their property management and student welfare roles, students are required to provide access to their accommodation at all reasonable times. Regular health and safety checks have to be undertaken every three months and residents will be given one week's notice when this occurs. In exceptional cases, where urgent entry is deemed appropriate, entry may be requested at times that may not be generally described as reasonable. (See access).

RR11. Prohibited items in residences include batteries or charging equipment or untested electrical circuitry, weapons/replica/sport guns, hazardous and flammable materials/liquids or chemicals.

RR12. You cannot burn joss/incense sticks or use naked flames due to the sensitivity of

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the fire detection equipment, candles may only be used having first informed the Resident Tutor. The using or storing of “Hookah” pipes is banned in university residences and the external grounds.

RR13. Cycle storage. Students must not store bicycles in their rooms. Any bicycles found stored inside residences are likely to be removed and stored at your cost. Secure bicycle stores are located close to the residences. Please visit:

www.bath.ac.uk/accommodation/livinginaccomm/servicesfacilities/vehicles/

RR14. Displays in or from windows is not allowed including international flags and washing. Reasonable bedroom ornaments on internal window sills are however acceptable

RR15. Residents must look after their accommodation and maintain acceptable levels of communal cleanliness as detailed in the “Cleaning Services” section. Residents must also ensure that communal areas including passageways, stairwells and exits are kept clear at all times.

RR16. Use of unauthorised electrical equipment such as non-CE marked electrical items is not allowed. You may be responsible for the damage caused by the use of such equipment including call out cost for resetting a circuit breaker.

Residents using accommodation common rooms must book it with the Resident Tutors and ensure the area is kept clear of any obstruction, furniture is not moved around and an acceptable standard of cleanliness is maintained.

Accommodation Operations Teams may remove any personal belongings left in the area and you may be liable for cleaning charges. The University will not accept any bailment.

Accommodation Smoking Policy

Government legislation bans smoking in many places. All complexes are completely non-smoking. All University accommodation is completely non-smoking including the use of e-cigarettes - that includes communal areas and individual study bedrooms - and means that you should be at least 4 metres away from any building when you smoke. Exceptions are Woodland Court and Clevelands central courtyards where smoking is prohibited. There are financial penalties for breaching this regulation (see page 41)

