



Residence Hall Living – What to Bring Fire Safety Fact Sheet

FIRE SAFETY regulations PERMIT students to bring the following items:

APPLIANCES & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- Only SMALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WITH a UL Label are PERMITTED. Look for UL-listed appliances with AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF buttons. Students may bring: combination microwave/refrigerator units, compact portable refrigerators (less than 5.0 cubic feet, 36 inches high, and 1.5 amps), compact microwave ovens (.7 cubic feet or smaller). *Keep in mind that several students share the same electrical supply, so be selective in the types of appliances and electronic equipment that you bring.*
- Small electric FANS with a UL label. Fan must be kept away from bedding and other objects that will catch the fan blade or block air flow.
- Computers, televisions, stereos, and CD players. Use a surge protector with these and other types of sensitive electronic equipment. The University does NOT provide coverage for the loss of personal property of students or staff in University housing.
- USE ONLY SURGE PROTECTORS OR POWER STRIPS THAT HAVE AN INTERNAL CIRCUIT BREAKER. These units will trip the breaker if the power strip is over loaded or shorted to prevent overheating and fire. Only surge protectors with a The Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label are permitted.
- Ordinary DESK OR FLOOR LAMP with a UL label and a low voltage incandescent or fluorescent bulb.
- Due to fire safety concerns and limited space some appliances are PROHIBITED as noted below.

FURNITURE

- Upholstered furniture used in the University residences must meet strict fire retardant codes (fabrics must meet the class 1 requirements of U.S. Department of Commerce Commercial Standard 191-53, California Flammability Bulletin 117, class A-ASTM-E84) or Upholstered Furniture Section Council [UFAC] [Gold tag]). Only furniture that meets this fire retardant code will be permitted in University residences.
- It is the student's responsibility to ensure that any furniture brought into the building meets these standards. Possession of or bringing of furniture into University residences which is in violation of these requirements subjects the student to disciplinary action as well as the cost of the removal and disposal of that furniture.

FIRE SAFETY regulations PROHIBIT students from bringing the following items:

- All University-supplied furniture is "loftable," so lofts cannot be brought in.
- Candles, candle warmers, incense and oil lamps, even if they are being used as a decoration or gift.
- HALOGEN LAMPS due to the heat the lamp generates creating a serious fire hazard. This includes halogen desk lamps or any lamp with a halogen bulb.
- EXTENSION CORDS. Only surge protectors or power strips can be used as mentioned above.
- Cooking appliances including hot plates, convection ovens, toasters, toaster ovens, indoor grills and sandwich makers, waffle irons and similar cooking items with exposed heating elements.
- PORTABLE HEATERS, space heaters and electric blankets.
- Air conditioners.
- Vinyl furniture, inflatable furniture, bean bag chairs or bean bag-like chairs, and any upholstered furniture that is not classified as fire retardant or does not meet the above fire retardant standards.
- Mercury thermometers are also prohibited in all residential buildings as they pose a serious health and safety hazard if broken. Only digital or alcohol type thermometers are permitted.

For a complete list of the University's Fire Safety Policies, please refer to the Community Living Standards in the Bowling Green State University Student Handbook at <http://www.virtualonlinepubs.com/publication?i=43133>

Student Insurance

Neither the Office of Residence Life nor Bowling Green State University is responsible for stolen, lost or damaged personal property. All residents are encouraged to properly insure items of value via a home owner's or renter's insurance policy. The University does NOT provide coverage for the loss of personal property of students or staff in University housing. Students should consult their insurance agent for information on available products and services.

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